

THE LOVER

DARKNESS

17



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KISO
TO LOVE + DARKNESS





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COMIC/Kentaro Yabuki STORY/Saki Hasemi

Master Nemesis

A being born from a completely different plan to develop transformation weapons than the one that produced Yami and Mea. In a battle with Gid, she used up her energy and almost disappeared, but Rito saved her by allowing her to possess him.

Lala Satalin Deviluke

The first princess of the planet Deviluke, the world which governs the entire Milky Way Galaxy. When she ran away to Earth, she happened to meet Rito, then fell in love with him and moved into his house.

Sairenji Haruna

Rito's classmate who has yearned to be with him since they were in middle school together. She confided these feelings to Lala and became her rival for his affections.

Run Elcie Jewelria

Royalty from the planet Memorze, their body possessed the ability to switch between the boy, Ren, and the girl, Run, whenever they sneezed. However, as a tertiary sex characteristic, they have separated. Run is one of the many people in love with Rito.

Momioka Risa

Rito's classmate. She often flusters Rito with her over-the-top physical friendliness.

Yuuki Mikan

Rito's sister. She keeps a close watch on the love between Rito and all the other girls, and is Yami's best friend.

Yami (Golden Darkness)

A terrifyingly skilled assassin, viewed as the deadliest in the universe. She knows she is in love with Rito but can't be honest with herself.

Cast Introduction

Kurosaki Mea

A living weapon created based on data taken from Yami. She has parted ways with her master, Nemesis, and is learning what it means to live without fighting.

Yuuki Rito

A sweet, innocent high school student who leads a life full of never-ending trouble. His heroic personality naturally attracts the love of all those around him!

Momo Belia Deviluke

Lala's younger sister, and the third princess of Deviluke. Possesses the ability to commune with plant life. She seems sweet and innocent, but in reality, has a hidden side.

Nana Astar Deviluke

Lala's other younger sister and the second princess of Deviluke. Possesses the ability to commune with animals.

STORY





CHAPTER 68
IDOL: JUST FOR YOU







I hear she's in more than ten commercials this season!

Can you believe it? Every song she releases shoots straight to the top of the charts!!



And now we have that idol sensation: **Run-chan**, right here in our studio!!

Hiii, everyone!



Just a few days ago, you stunned everyone by coming out publicly as an alien.

That's right!

Goodness, you're even cuter in person!!



am a
Memorzian!
♪

I...



YEAH!
I THINK
THEY JUST
THOUGHT
IT WAS A
JOKE AT
FIRST...

WOW.

BUT
WHEN SHE
SHOWED HER
SPACESHIP
ON LIVE TV,
EVERYONE
STARTED
GOING, "IT'S
REAL! IT'S
REAL!"

RUN'S
NOT
HIDING
THAT
SHE'S AN
ALIEN
ANYMORE,
HUH?



BUT RUN-DONO'S ANNOUNCEMENT MAY INSPIRE GREATER CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN THE FUTURE.


THERE WERE ALREADY A NUMBER OF ALIENS LIVING ON EARTH OFF THE RECORD...

AND KIRISAKI KYOUKO REVEALED THAT HER FLAME WAS REAL TOO. NOW THEY'RE BOTH INUNDATED WITH OFFERS FOR GIGS AS ALIEN IDOLS ALL OVER THE WORLD.



RUN'S MAKING THINGS HAPPEN...

MEANWHILE, WHAT AM I DOING?



"RITO-KUN, I'M NOT CONFUSED OR ANYTHING ANYMORE!"

"I'M GONNA BECOME AN AMAZING IDOL, AND THEN WIN YOUR HEART FOR SURE!"

WOW...


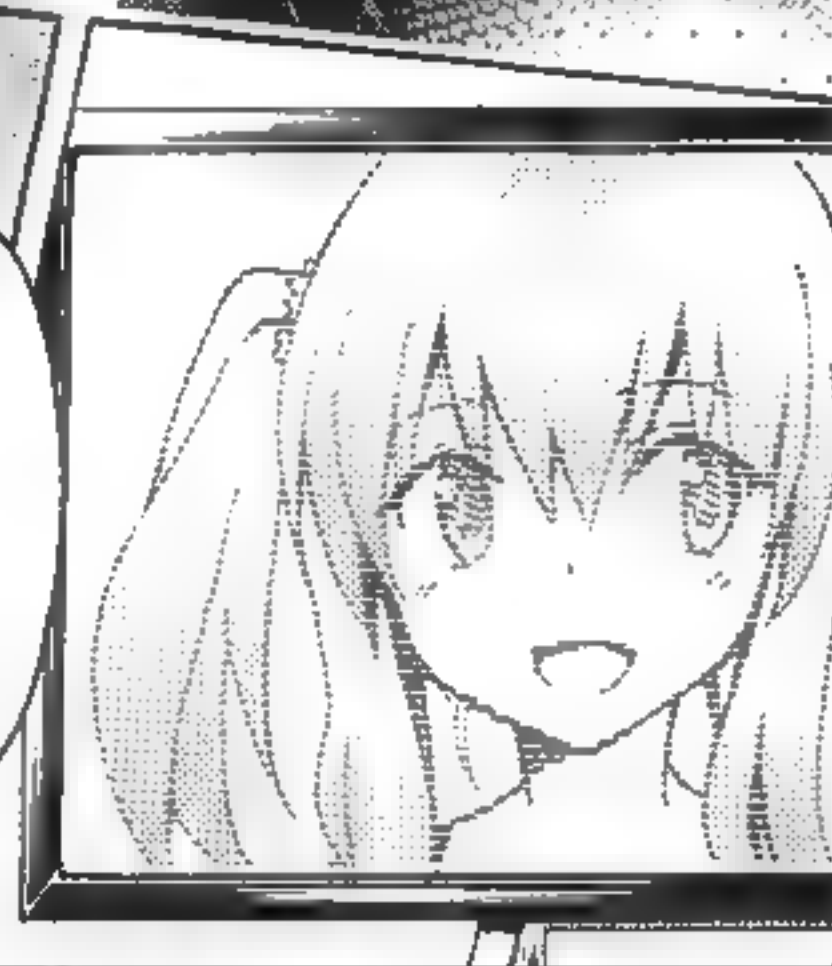


RUN... YOU'VE REALLY GOT A LOT GOING ON...



SH-
SHUT UP.
LEAVE ME
ALONE.

HEH
HEH HEH.
HOW DOES IT
FEEL BEING
LOVED BY
THE HOTTEST
IDOL IN THE
WORLD,
RITO?



WHEN
YOU SAID
YOU WERE
GONNA
TELL
EVERY-
ONE,
RUN.

I
DID?

YOU
REALLY
SHOCKED
ME...



I DON'T
KNOW... IT
NEVER EVEN
OCCURRED
TO ME
TO SELL
MYSELF
AS AN
ALIEN.

AS
IDOLS,
WE HAVE
TO USE
WHAT-
EVER IT
TAKES
TO CLAW
OUR WAY
UP.



IF YOU
DON'T
SUCCEED.

THERE'S
NOTHING
SPECIAL
ABOUT
TRYING...



YOU'RE
KIND
OF A
GENIUS,
RUN.

AH
HA HA!
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.



BUT
I STILL
WONDER IF
RITO-KUN
CARES AT
ALL. IT
MAKES ME
NERVOUS.

YEAH...
I DO MY
BEST
AS AN
IDOL...

YOU
MEAN,
LIKE...
WITH
RITO?



I'M
SURE HE
WON'T
JUST
IGNORE
YOUR
FEELINGS.

RITO-
KUN
IS A
REALLY
NICE
GUY.



YOU'LL
BE
FINE!



PAT



JUST A DROP
OF THIS AND
THE ONE YOU
LOVE WILL
LOSE ALL
REASON!

THEY'LL
FALL' HEAD-
OVER-HEELS
FOR YOU!

TH...

THAT'S...!!

HEAD-
OVER-
HEELS
FOR
ME?!

THE
ONE I
LOVE...



RITO-
KULUN!



GOOD
MORN-
NING!




RUN?



OH!
RUN-CHAN!
I SAW
YOU ON TV
YESTERDAY!

SO
TODAY, I
WANTED
TO TALK
TO...



YOU
DON'T
HAVE
WORK
TODAY?

NOPE!





YUKI!

BUT I
DID PLAN
FOR THE
POSSI-
BILITY...

GRRR...
I SHOULD
HAVE
KNOWN
IT WOULD
END UP
LIKE
THIS.



REN!

RUN
TOLD
ME TO
GIVE
THIS TO
YOU.

Rito-kun ♡






WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'VE
GOT
SPECIAL
PICTURES
OF RUN-
CHAN
OR--



HEY,
RITO,
WHAT
DID REN
GIVE
YOU
JUST
NOW?



WHAT-
EVER
WILL
YOU
DO?

OHO!
AN IDOL
WISHES
TO MEET
WITH
YOU IN
SECRET?




I'LL BE
WAITING
IN THE
CLASS-
ROOM
AFTER
SCHOOL.

--RUN

Rito-kun
be waiting in
classroom
after school

--Run

DEAR
RITO-
KUN...



YOU
HAD BEST
TELL HER
HOW YOU
FEEL,
JUST
AS REN
SAID.



I'LL
GO.



AFTER
RITO-SAN
GOES IN, I'LL
KEEP WATCH
OUTSIDE THE
CLASSROOM
SO NO
ONE ELSE
GETS IN.

OF
COURSE.
♪

YOU'LL
REALLY
DO IT
FOR ME,
MOMO-
CHAN?

After
school.



AND I'M
NOT ABOVE
EXPLOITING
THAT.
♪

SHE'S A
LOT MORE
USEFUL
THAN LALA-
CHAN IS,
AT LEAST.
♡



DON'T
WORRY,
I WON'T
PEEK
EITHER.



I LOOK
FORWARD
TO SEEING
JUST WHAT
SHE INTENDS
TO DO...

RUN MUST
BE REALLY
GOING FOR
IT TODAY.
IF SHE'D
COME TO
ME FOR
HELP.



YOU'RE
SUCH
A GOOD
FRIEND!
♡
THANK
YOU,
MOMO-
CHAN!

THOUGH
I WILL BE
MONITORING
YOU
WITH MY
HIDDEN
CAMERA.



TO
CONQUER
RITO.



UH...

SLIDE...

IT'S
FINE.

I JUST
HAD TO
TALK
TO YOU
ALONE.

SORRY
TO
CORNER
YOU LIKE
THIS.



IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I GOT TO HAVE A GOOD TALK WITH YOU!

REALLY?! OH, THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY!!

I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU, TOO...



NAH, THEY'RE PRETTY HANDS-OFF.

THEY ALWAYS SAY, "EVEN IF YOU'RE ROYALTY, YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF."



OH, MY PARENTS?

YOU SURE SEEM TO BE BUSY WITH YOUR IDOL WORK. AREN'T YOUR PARENTS WORRIED ABOUT YOU?



YOU
DON'T
EVEN HAVE
ALIEN
BODY-
GUARDS
LIKE LALA
DOES.



THAT'S
A GOOD
POINT...

IF THAT
WEREN'T
THE CASE,
HOW
COULD
THEY
LET ME
AND REN
LIVE ON
EARTH?

YEAH,
MEMORZE
IS A SMALL
PLANET WITH
NOTHING BUT
DESERTS, SO
NORMALLY
NO ONE
BOTHERS
US.



学年だよ

MY
FATHER,
THE KING
OF MEMORZE,
BUILT A NATION
BY UNITING
A BUNCH OF
SMALL TRIBES.
HE SAYS,
"EXPERIENCE
IS THE TRUE
WEALTH!!"

HE
SAYS HE
HOPES
WHAT-
EVER I'M
DOING AS
AN IDOL ON
EARTH WILL
EVENTUALLY
HELP
MEMORZE
SOMEHOW.







IT
SEEMS
TO BE
WORKING...
♡

RITO'S
PULSE
HAS
RISEN...
IS HE
AROUSSED?!

WHAT'S
THIS
SWEET
SCENT...?

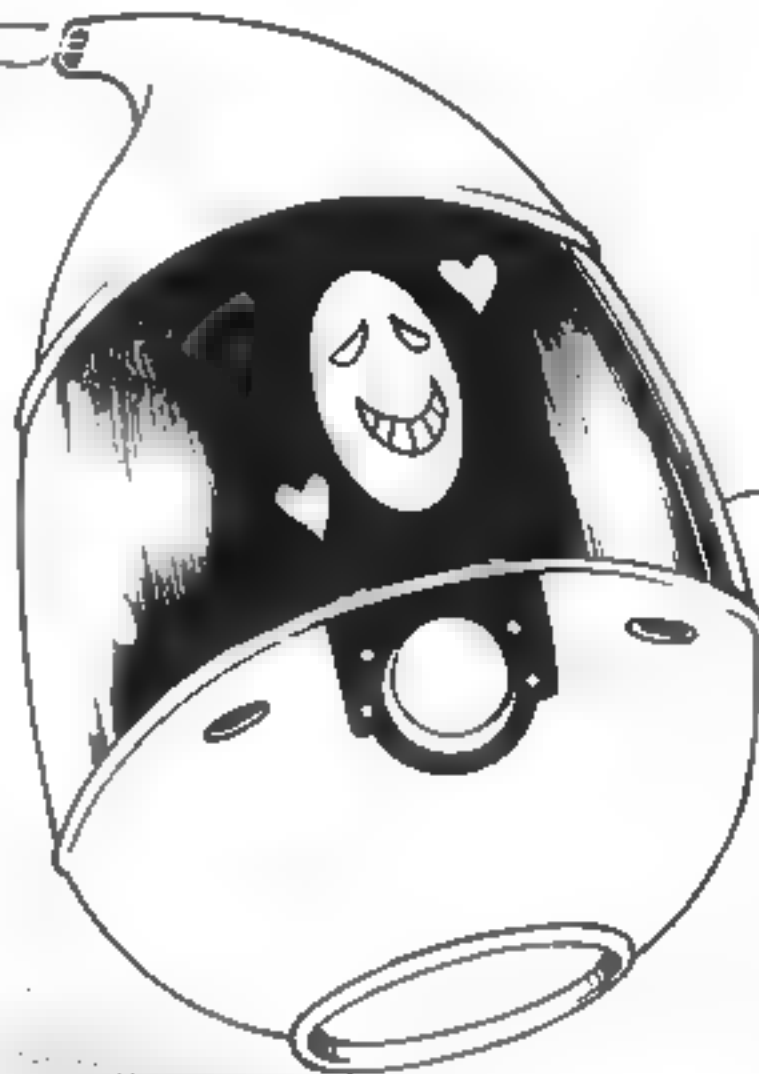


I FEEL
LIKE I'VE
SEEN IT
BEFORE...
THAT'S
RIGHT,
ON THE
GALACTIC
NET.

THAT
DEVICE
ON THE
CHAIR
BEHIND
RUN-
SAN...

IF
YOU'RE IN
LOVE, THIS
WILL KNOCK
YOUR SOCKS
OFF!
(ADVERTISING
COPY,
ABRIDGED.)

A FRAGRANCE
WITH EXTREMELY
POTENT
APHRODISIAC
PROPERTIES!
THOSE WHO
BREATHE IT ARE
FILLED WITH
LUST, FOR THE
ONE BEFORE
THEM ALMOST
INSTANTLY.



LOVE
MAX
GREAT!!
THE
HOTTEST
NEW ITEM
ON GALACTIC
MAIL ORDER.

BUT I
GUESS...

SHE'S
READY
FOR IT,
SO TO
SPEAK.

HRMM...
I'M NOT
SURE I
LIKE THIS
APPROACH...

RUN-
SAN...
I DIDN'T
THINK
YOU'D...

BA-
DUMP

RITO-
KUN...
IS
BEET-
RED...

AND I
FEEL...
SO...

BA-
DUMP





RITO-KUN...

!!

SHUFF...

IT'S KIND OF...

HOT...

GULP



GO!!

BLOINK

AA!

WHAT
AM I
DOING?!

WH-
WHAT
?!

MY
MIND'S
IN A
TOTAL
FOG...

CLATTER



RUN'S
BOOBS...

THEY'RE
RIGHT IN
FRONT
OF ME!!

THE
BOOBS OF
RUN, WHO
EVERYONE
WATCHES
ON TV AND
IDOLIZES...

I WANT
TO TAKE IT
ALL FOR
MYSELF.

I...
I WANT
TO TAKE
IT...

...TMC...TMC...

HUEY



IT SEEMS
THIS DRUG
WORKS
A LITTLE
TOO WELL
ON EARTH-
LINGS.

INTERESTING...

RITO-
SAN...

!!

RUN'S ♡
BOOOO-
BIEES!

RITO-
KUN!

THUNK

CLUNK



THAT'S...
THAT'S
AMAZING,
RITO-KUN...

AUNCH!

TWITCH

YOU
MAKE
ME FEEL
LIKE A
RAG
DOLL...

TWITCH



IN
THIS
STATE...

RUN-SAN'S
NOT GOING
TO BE ABLE
TO RUN AWAY
EVEN IF SHE
WANTED
TO...!!



RITO'S
TECHNIQUE
IS THE
SAME AS
WHEN HE'S
ASLEEP.



A-AT
THIS
RATE...

WAIT...
RUN-SAN'S
UNDER THE
INFLUENCE
OF THE LOVE
MAX GREAT
HERSELF.

IS
THIS
OKAY,
RUN-
SAN?!

THEY'RE
REALLY
GOING
TO....!!

I
DON'T
KNOW
IF THIS
IS THE
WAY
YOU'D
WANT...

BAM

1/2

I'M
SO
HAPPY.

NOOO!

AH!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT...

SQUISH

SQUISH

I
SHOULD
HAVE
DONE THIS
FROM THE
'START!

RITO-
KUN
WANTS
ME SO
BADLY.

SQUISH



IS
THIS
...

REALLY
WHAT
YOU
WANT,
RUN?



You
should
know
that...

Rito-
kun
is a
really
nice
guy.

better
than
anyone,
right?

I'm
sure he
won't
just
ignore
your
feelings.


THWAP



I'M...
REALLY...
SORRY.


I...
GUESS
I WENT
AND
IGNORED
YOUR
FEELINGS.





I'VE...
KNOWN
HOW YOU
FELT THIS
WHOLE
TIME, BUT
I JUST...
COULDN'T
DO ANY-
THING.

I...I'M
SORRY,
TOO.



WHAT?
I KNOW
THAT.



I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
KEPT
DRAG-
GING IT
OUT...

I
SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD
YOU.



I...

YOU'RE
HER
FIANCÉ
CANDIDATE.
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO SPELL
IT OUT...

YOU
LIKE
LALA-
CHAN,
RIGHT?

HAVE
SOME-
ONE I
LIKE.





I'M
JUST A
WISHY-
WASHY
LOSER.

SAI-
RENJI...

I DON'T
DESERVE
FOR YOU
TO LIKE
ME IN THE
FIRST
PLACE...

HARUNA-
SAN?



SO...





THAT'S
A
RELIEF.

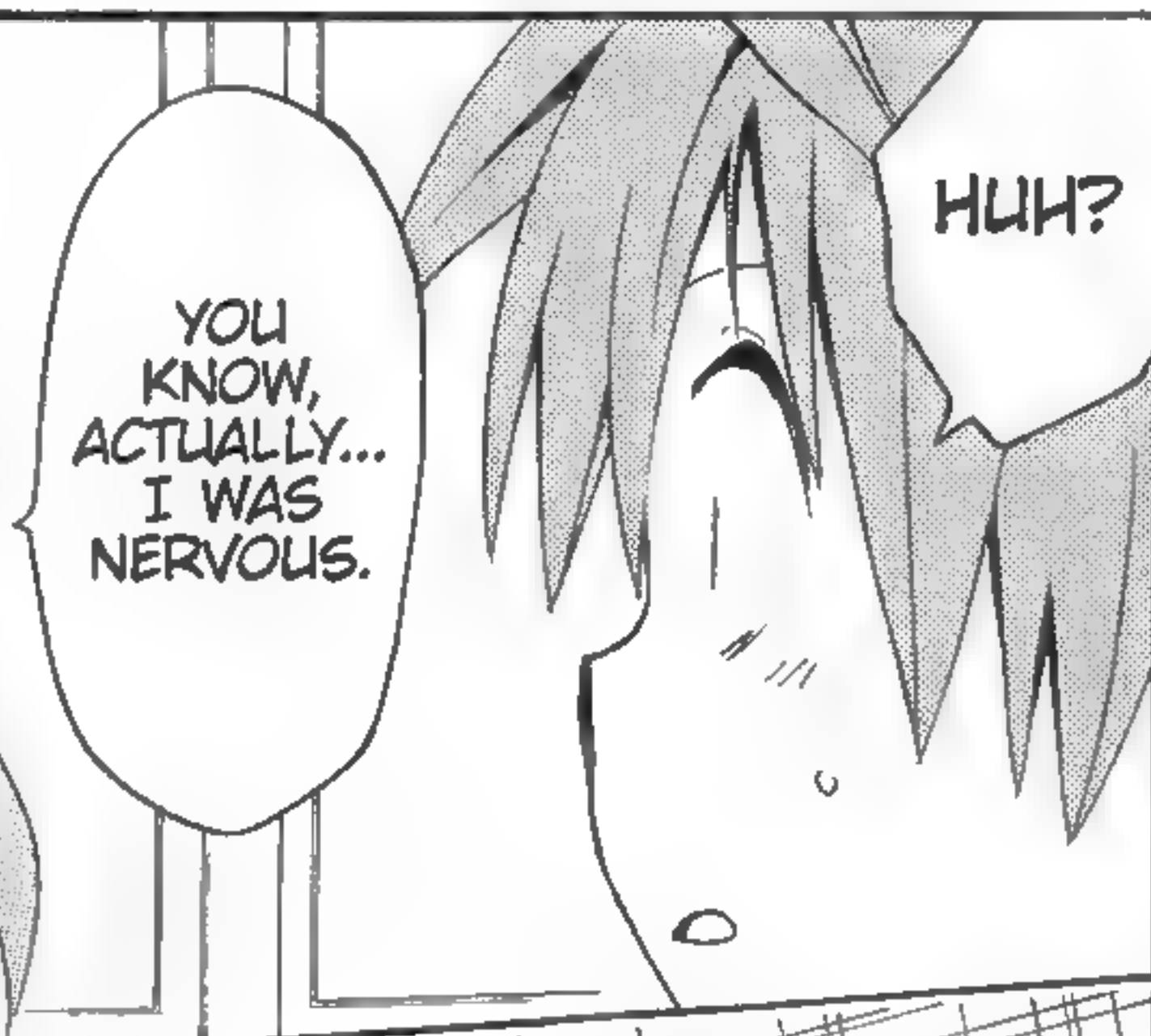


OKAY,
I SEE...
I GET IT
NOW.

RUN?



I
THOUGHT
MAYBE
YOU AND
LALA-CHAN
HAD BEEN
A THING
FOR FOREVER
ALREADY AND
I WAS DOING
SOMETHING
REALLY
STUPID...




YOU
KNOW,
ACTUALLY...
I WAS
NERVOUS.

HUH?



THAT
JUST
PROVES
THAT I'M
IMPORTANT
TO YOU.



BUT,
RITO-
KUN, YOU
THOUGHT
ABOUT
ME AND
TOOK THE
TROUBLE
TO TELL ME
HOW YOU
REALLY
FELT.



THAT
JUST
SHOWS
I HAVE A
CHANCE
IF I TRY
HARD
ENOUGH!

AND
IF LIKING
MULTIPLE
PEOPLE IS
MAKING
YOU
"WISHY-
WASHY,"
WELL...

UNTIL
YOU
FINALLY
CHOOSE
ME....!!

I'M
GONNA
WORK
HARD. MAKE
MYSELF
BETTER
AND
BETTER!



OH
YEAH...
DID YOU
SAVE ME
BACK
THERE?



JUST
LEAVE
ME
ALONE...

HEH
HEH HEH.
YOU'RE
SURROUNDED
BY FOR-
WARD-
THINKING
FEMALES.



I ONLY
STEPPED
BETWEEN
YOU AND
PURE
DELIGHT.

SAVE
YOU?
HAH.



HUH?

?

DON'T
THINK
YOU'VE
WON.

Later
on...

CHAPTER 69
ONE NIGHT: LET ME STAY!





BRINGING
COMICS TO
SCHOOL IS
AGAINST
THE
RULES!!

AGAIN,
MOMIOKA-
SAN?!


YULUKI'S
DAD DREW
THIS! IT'S
REALLY
GOOD!
♪

OH,
COME
ON.

DON'T
BE SUCH
A STICK-
IN-THE-
MUD,
YUI.

YULUKI-
KUN'S
FATHER?





A boy with spiky hair and a girl with long hair and a large bow are looking excited. The girl is in the foreground, and the boy is behind her. They are both smiling and looking towards the right. The girl has a speech bubble that says "SHE SAID THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG PARTY ON DEVIILIKE AND LOTS OF IMPORTANT PEOPLE FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT PLANETS WILL BE THERE!". The boy has a speech bubble that says "IT WOULD LOOK BAD IF LALA AND HER SISTERS DIDN'T SHOW UP, SO THEY'RE GOING BACK FOR THREE DAYS AND TWO NIGHTS.".

SHE SAID
THERE'S
GOING TO BE
A BIG PARTY
ON DEVIILIKE
AND LOTS OF
IMPORTANT
PEOPLE FROM
ALL THE
DIFFERENT
PLANETS WILL
BE THERE!

IT WOULD
LOOK BAD IF
LALA AND HER
SISTERS DIDN'T
SHOW UP, SO
THEY'RE GOING
BACK FOR
THREE DAYS
AND TWO
NIGHTS.



A girl with short hair is talking to a boy with spiky hair. The girl is looking at the boy and has a speech bubble that says "SO YOU AND MIKAN-CHAN WILL BE ALONE FOR A WHILE?". The boy is looking down and has a speech bubble that says "ACTUALLY, MIKAN'S SLEEPING OVER AT HER FRIEND'S PLACE...SO TONIGHT IT'S JUST ME.".

SO YOU AND
MIKAN-
CHAN
WILL BE
ALONE
FOR A
WHILE?



A girl with short hair is talking to a boy with spiky hair. The girl is looking at the boy and has a speech bubble that says "HEY, THAT SOUNDS PRETTY COOL! OH, AND YOU'RE TAKING CELINE WITH YOU?". The boy is looking down and has a speech bubble that says "YEAH! SHE'S OLD ENOUGH SHE MIGHT ENJOY IT.".

HEY,
THAT
SOUNDS
PRETTY
COOL!
OH, AND
YOU'RE
TAKING
CELINE
WITH
YOU?

ACTUALLY,
MIKAN'S
SLEEPING
OVER AT
HER FRIEND'S
PLACE...SO
TONIGHT IT'S
JUST ME.

YEAH!
SHE'S OLD
ENOUGH
SHE
MIGHT
ENJOY
IT.



HOW
DO
YOU
GET
THERE?!

OHHH, SO
YOU'LL BE
ALL ALONE
TONIGHT?
WHY DON'T
I COME OVER
AND CHEER
YOU UP?
♡

OH,
THAT'S RIGHT!!
YOUR PARENTS
ARE BOTH
ALWAYS SO
BUSY WITH
WORK,
RIGHT?

MMM,
WELL, DAD
RUNS AN I.T.
COMPANY
AND MOM
HELPS
HIM WITH
IT, SO...

I'VE
GOT A
DINNER
DATE
WITH MY
PARENTS
TONIGHT.
♪

Heh!
Heh!
DON'T
TAKE
IT SO
SERI-
OUSLY.

YOUR
DAD'S
THE KING
OF THE
UNIVERSE.

IT'S
NOT
THAT
BIG A
DEAL.

WOW,
YOUR
DAD'S
A CEO?
THAT'S
AMAZING.

I'M A
LATCHKEY
KID WITH
DEADBEAT
PARENTS,
BASICALLY.

SO
THEY'RE
ALWAYS
WORKING
AND
ALMOST
NEVER AT
HOME.

IT WASN'T
LIKE THIS
WHEN I WAS
LITTLE, BUT IN
THE LAST FEW
YEARS, THE
COMPANY HAS
REALLY BEEN
TAKING
OFF...

HEY, I'M
NOT COM-
PLAINING.
I GET TO
DO WHAT-
EVER I
WANT. ♪

JUST
LIKE
YOURS!

HA
HA...
YEAH,
SAME
HERE.

I
TOTALLY
FEEL
YOU.



AHH...
I WANT
TO GO
COOK
FOR
HIM.

YUUKI-
KUN'S
GOING
TO BE
ALONE
TONIGHT...



EEEK!
WHAT
AM I
THINKING?!

AND
THEN...
AFTER-
WARDS...

LET
ME
THANK
YOU.
♡



We'll be
there
tonight!
♡

Haru-
chaaan!
♡

WHAT
ROTTEN
TIMING.

OH...
BUT MY
PARENTS
ARE
COMING
TONIGHT,
TOO...





YEAH,
IT'S
JUST
ONE
NIGHT.
DON'T
WORRY.

OKAY,
WELL, I'M
GOING TO
SACHI'S...
ARE YOU
SURE
YOU'LL BE
OKAY BY
YOUR-
SELF?

SO
LALA-
SAN
AND HER
SISTERS
LEFT
ALREADY?

YEAH,
ZASTIN'S
SHIP JUST
CAME AND
PICKED
THEM UP.



LEAVE
IT ALL
TO ME.

YOU
DESERVE
TO RELAX
ONCE
IN A
WHILE.



YEAH,
I SAID
DON'T
WORRY.



I'LL
DO THE
LAUNDRY
TOMOR-
ROW.

DON'T
STAY UP
ALL NIGHT
PLAYING
GAMES! AND
REMEMBER
TO TAKE
YOUR
BATH!






THANKS.

WELL, I
GUESS I
DESERVE
TO RELAX
ONCE IN A
WHILE,
TOO.



WHEW...
ALL
ALONE
NOW...



WHOA!
NEMESIS,
YOU'RE
AWAKE?!


Poof

STILL
A BIT
SLEEPY,
BUT
YES.

HEY,
AREN'T
YOU FOR-
GETTING
SOME-
ONE?

WOULDN'T
YOU LIKE
TO HAVE
SOME
FUN,
RITO?

BUT
LOOK,
WE'RE
ALL
ALONE.



DON'T
STRADDLE
ME LIKE
IT'S SOME
FOREGONE
CONCLUSION,
OKAY?!

PRINCESS
MOMO
WON'T BE
PRESENT
TONIGHT.
THAT
GIVES US
FREE
REIN.



LALA-
SAMA,
NANA-
SAMA,
MOMO-
SAMA...

WE'LL BE
ENTERING
WARP
MOMENTARILY.
PLEASE
RETURN
TO YOUR
SEATS.



OF
COURSE!
WE'VE
INVITED A
TOP-TIER
CHEF FROM
GURMONN
WHO WILL
SURELY
GIVE US
THE BEST.

HEY,
ZASTIN,
IS THERE
GONNA
BE FANCY
FOOD
AT THE
PARTY?



I
KNOW
THAT,
SIS!

BUT,
NANA, DON'T
FORGET TO
SAY HI TO
ALL THE
PEOPLE
WE'RE
SUPPOSED
TO GREET.

I
CAN'T
WAIT!
♪




Don't
worry
about a
thing!



NEMESIS
SAID...

BUT I
FIND IT
HARD TO
BELIEVE
SHE'LL
BEHAVE
....!!

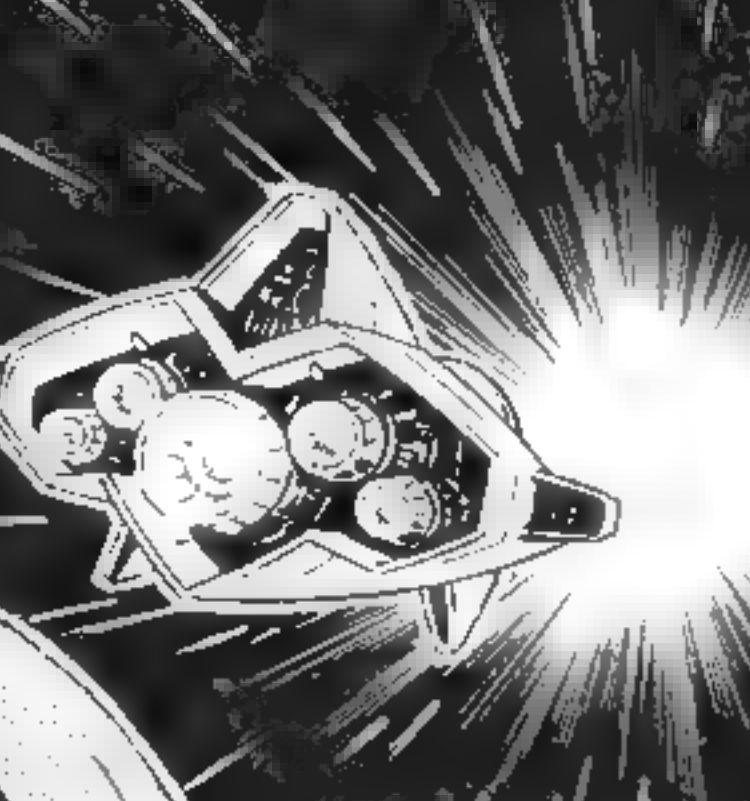
BUT I'M
WORRIED.



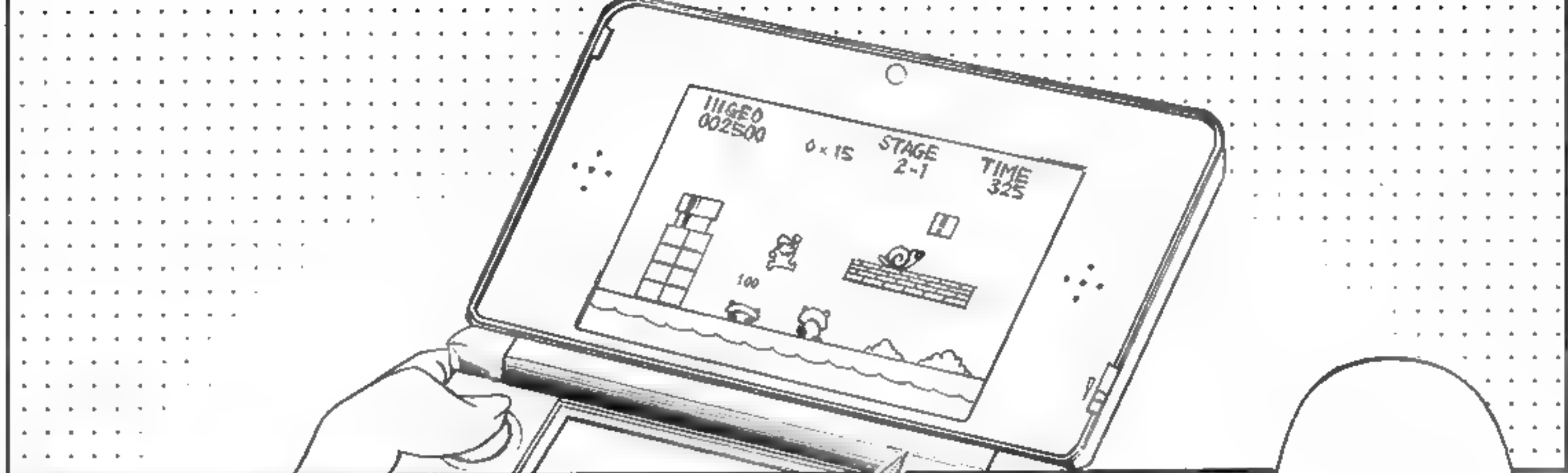
AS ONE
OF THE
PRINCESSES,
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
CHOICE ABOUT
ATTENDING
THIS PARTY...



I WANNA GO
BAAAAACK!!



AAAAH! IS
RITO-SAN
GOING
TO BE
OKAY?!



DING DONG



FREE REIN TO PLAY GAMES, HUH?

HMN? WHAT-EVER DID YOU THINK I MEANT?

UH, NEVER MIND...



YES ...?



A- ANYWAY, HIDE YOUR-SELF!

PERHAPS MIKAN HAS RETURNED?

WONDER WHO THAT IS? A PACKAGE, MAYBE?



MOMI-
OKA?!
WHAT
ARE
YOU...

YO.

TAKE IT
EASY,
WILL
YOU?
LET ME
IN.



I
THOUGHT
YOU AND
YOUR
PARENTS
WERE...

YUP,
BUT
THEY
FLAKED.

WHAT'S
THIS?
THAT'S
THE VERY
FRIENDLY
GIRL FROM
BEFORE.



BUT LET'S
FORGET
THAT. IT
JUST MEANS
I HAVE
NO PLANS
TONIGHT. SO
I WONDERED
IF YOU
WANTED
TO HANG
OUT!

THEY
FLAKED?

OH,
IT'S NOT
SO BAD.
I THOUGHT
THEY MIGHT!
WOULDN'T
BE THE
FIRST
TIME.

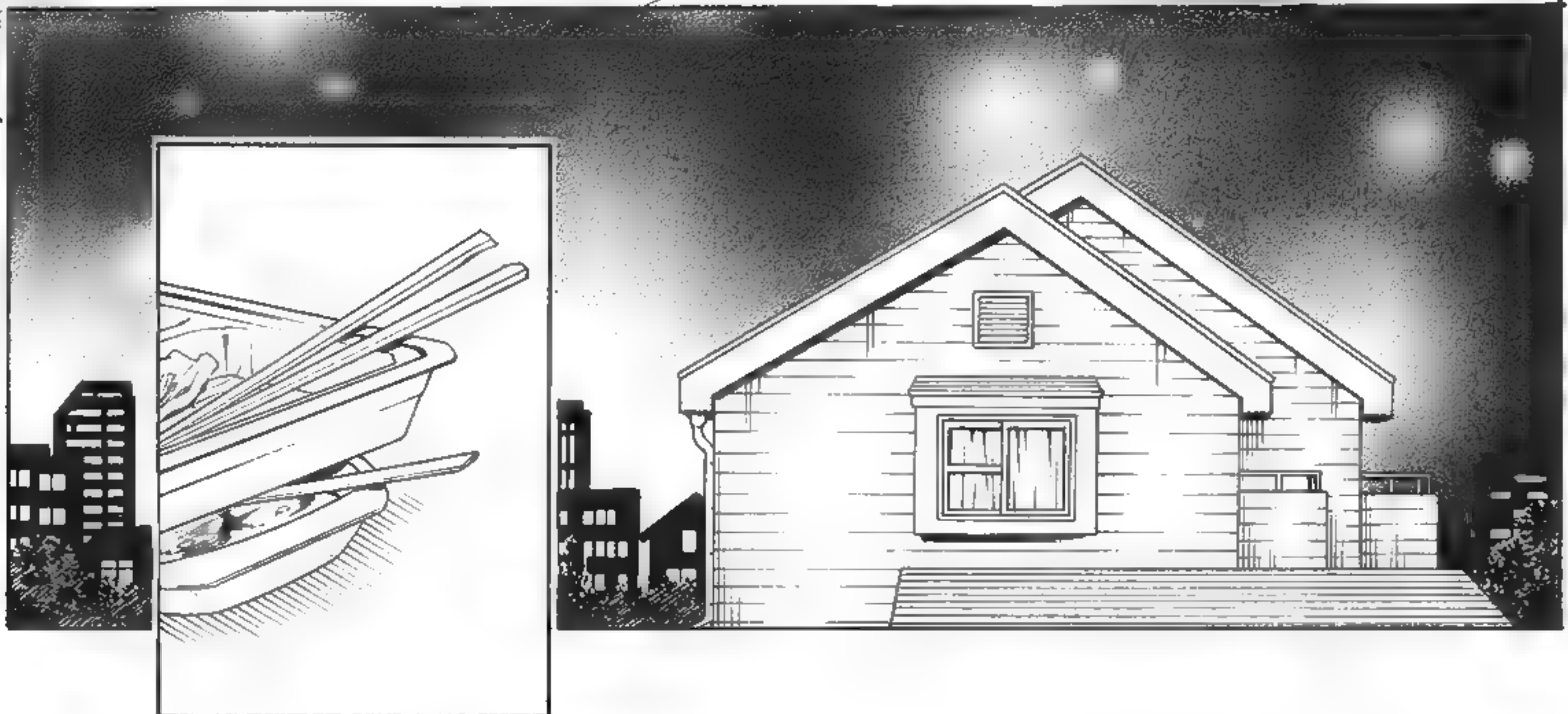
?!

H
H
H
?!

PROCESS
OF ELIMI-
NATION.

'CAUSE
HARUNA
HAS HER
PARENTS
OVER AND
MIO HAS
WORK.

W
H
Y
?!!











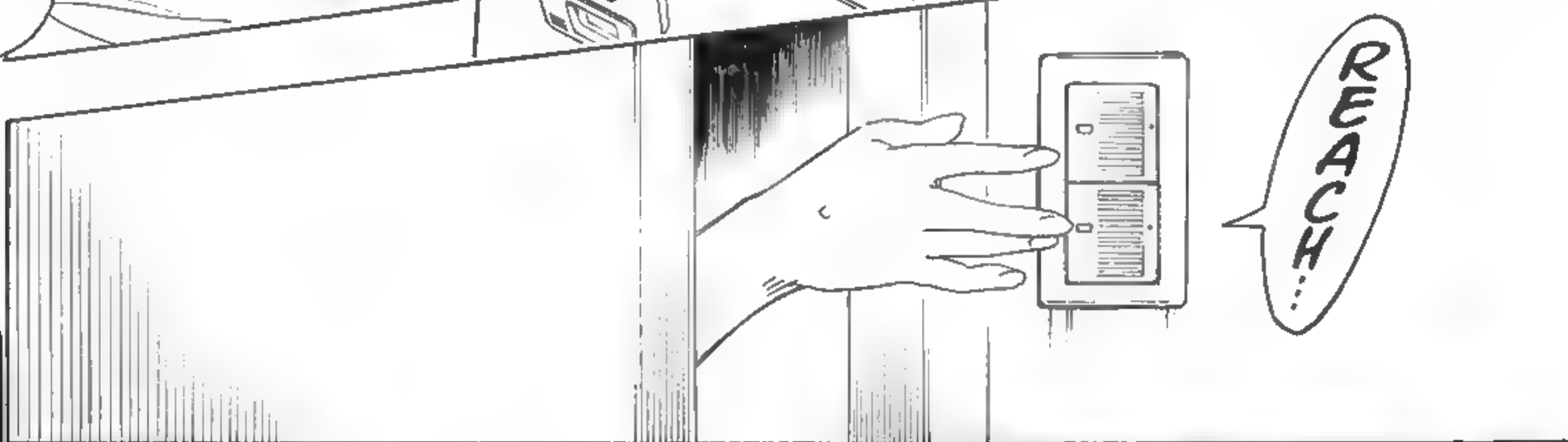
OH,
NOW
YOU'RE
PLAYING
A GAME
ON YOUR
PHONE?

.....



FWISH

?



REACH...



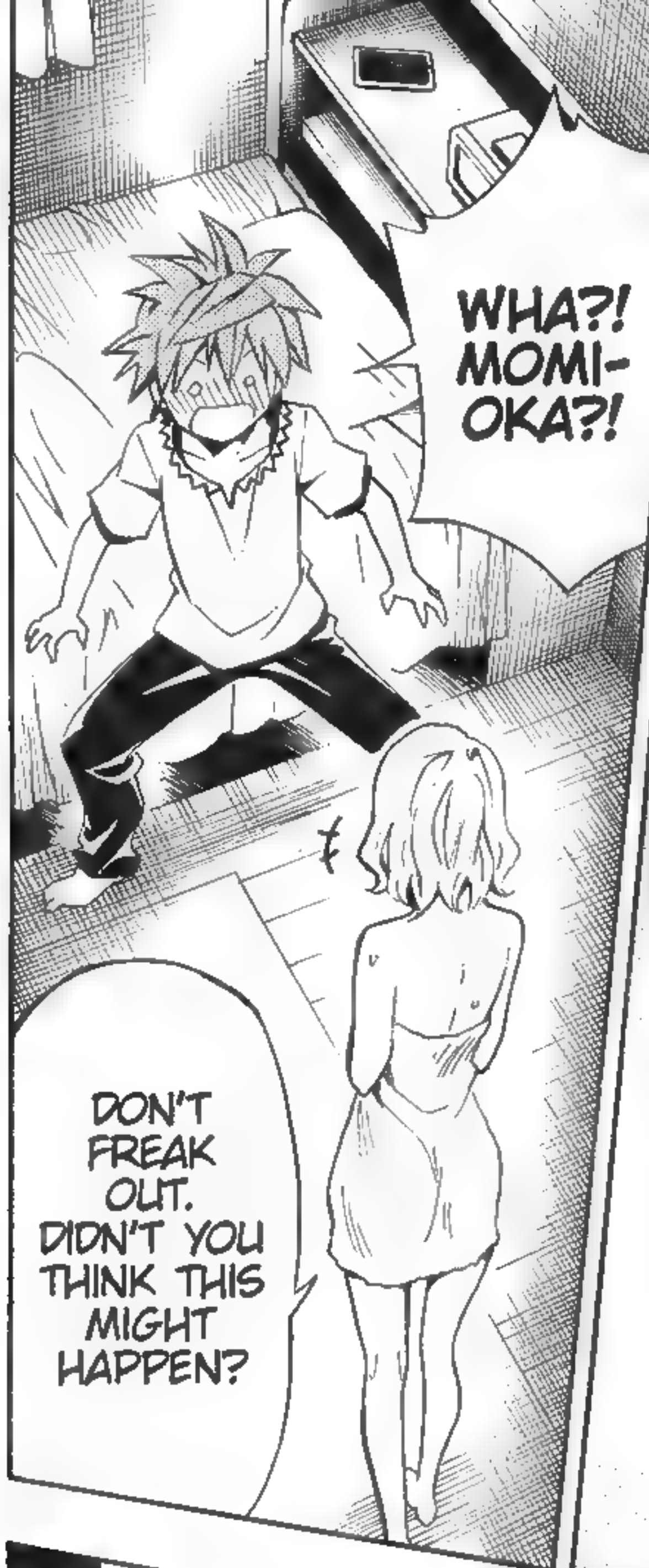
HUH?

HEH
HEH...
PERHAPS
THIS
EVENING
WON'T
BE SO
BORING
AFTER
ALL.



WHOA!
WHAT?
A BLACK-
OUT?!

CLICK



WHA?!
MOMI-
OKA?!

DON'T
FREAK
OUT.
DIDN'T YOU
THINK THIS
MIGHT
HAPPEN?



I...
JUST
WANNA
TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT
SOME-
THING.



EVEN
I'D BE
EMBAR-
RASSED
IN THE
BRIGHT
LIGHT.



AND
YOU
TRAPPED
ME
AGAINST
THE
WALL?

REMEMBER
WHEN
WE WERE
ON THE
ROOF...



COME
ON...



!!



YOU
KINDA
GOT MY
HEART
POUNDING
THERE...

I'LL
BE
HONEST.



I WONDER
IF RITO
BOTHERED
TO EAT
DINNER...

SO THEN
THEY SAID
I'M NOT
ALLOWED
TO USE THE
COMPUTER
ANYMORE!

THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN
YOU LOOK
AT WEIRD
VIDEOS ALL
THE TIME...

HE'S
PROBABLY
FALLING
ASLEEP WITH
THE LIGHTS ON
ABOUT NOW...
WITH THE DOOR
UNLOCKED...
AND THE BARLEY
TEA OUT OF
THE FRIDGE...

I'LL BET HE'S
JUST BEEN
PLAYING GAMES
THE WHOLE
TIME AND
HASN'T EVEN
BOTHERED
TO TAKE A
BATH. HE'S
SO HOPELESS
WITHOUT ME.





MOMI-
OKA...

HEY...



BUT IF
YOU'VE
GOT A
WILD
SIDE...

BEFORE
THAT...

I
ALWAYS
JUST
THOUGHT
OF YOU
AS SOME
DUMPY
LOSER.

SQUISH

THAT
CHANGES
HOW I
LOOK AT
YOU.

SHOW
ME.

SHOW
ME WHO
YOU
REALLY
ARE.

DOES
IT TURN
YOU ON
AT ALL,
SEEING
ME LIKE
THIS?
IF IT
DOES...

UH...
NO, IT WAS
NEMESIS
WHO WAS
CONTROLLING
MY BODY
THEN,
AND....!!

HOW
AMUSING.
WHY
DON'T WE
GIVE HER
WHAT SHE
WANTS?

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

BA-DMP

KRIK

KDOK

!!



FWIP

ALL
RIGHT,
MOMI-
OKA...

ZU
ZU

ZU...

IF
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
WANT,
TAKE A
GOOD
LOOK.



THIS IS WHO I REALLY AM.

GROPE

AH!

GROPE

MM...

Ichi

Uchi



IS
HE...?
WAIT...

HE
REALLY
IS....!



HE'S...

Ah!

MM

SHUDDER...

ACTUALLY
KINDA
SEXY...



HEH
HEH HEH!
YES! MY
POWER
GROWS
STRONGER
EVERY DAY.
IT SEEMS
I'LL BE
ABLE TO
CONTROL
YOU A
LITTLE
LONGER!

ST-
STOOOOP!!



SHFF...

!



HMM,
HOW
IS IT
THAT
RITO
ALWAYS
DOES
IT?

まじまじ
まじまじ



YEAH,
RIGHT...

WHAT,
GETTING
COLD
FEET?



IF
YOU'RE
DOWN...

I'M
GONNA
TURN
INTO AN
ANIMAL
MYSELF.
♡



S-
SOME-
ONE...
SOME-
ONE...!!!

OH...
OH, CRAP.
MOMIOKA'S
SERIOUS!!

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE
YOU
DOING?!!

I KNOW
MY TECH-
NIQUE IS
NOTHING
COMPARED
TO YOURS.
SHOW HER,
RITO!!

YES!
NOW,
IT'S ALL
UP TO
YOU!



AI EEEHGH!

VRRRRN

WH-
WH-
WHAT?!

HUH?



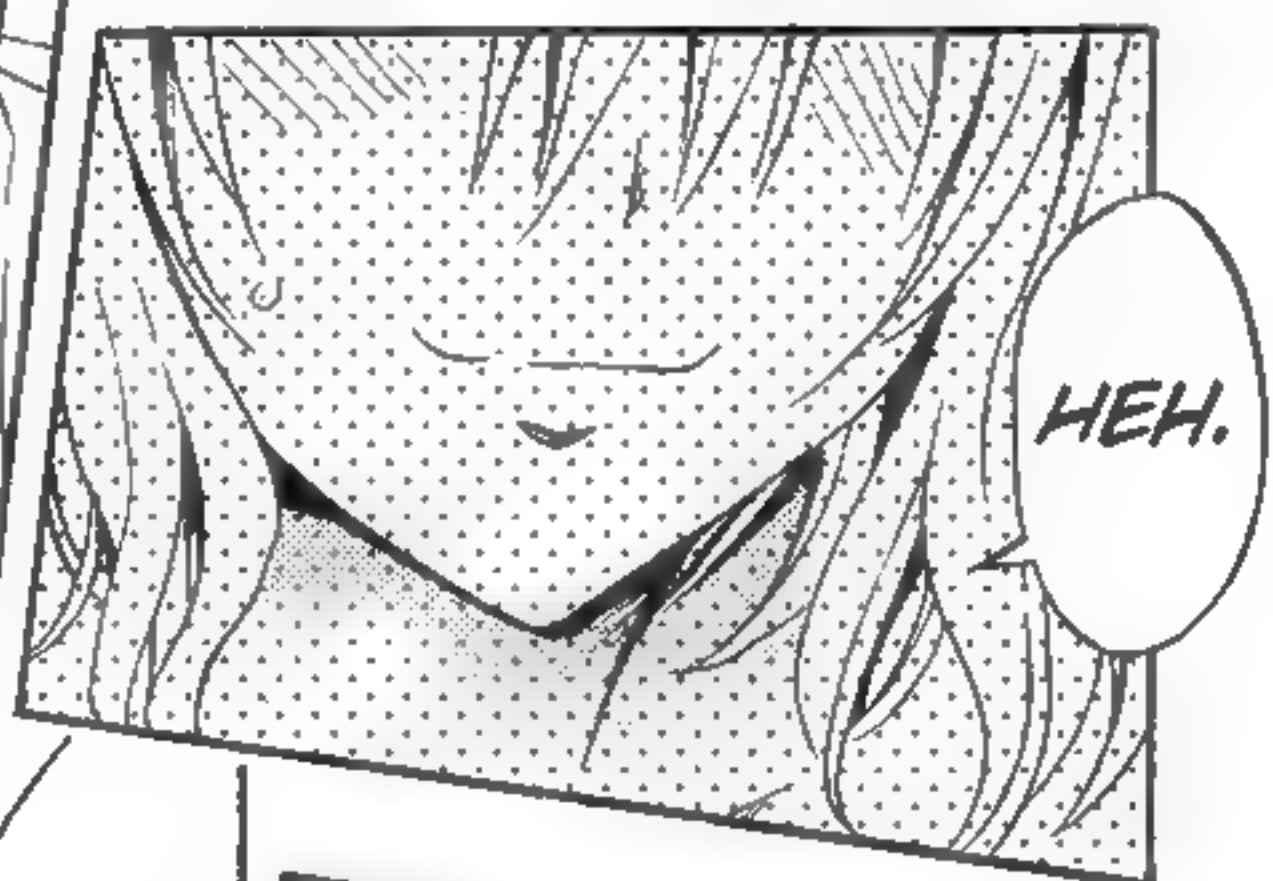


HEH
HEH
HEH.



SO
MUCH
FOR
THE
MOOD.

THAT
SISTER
OF YOURS
REALLY
KNOWS
HOW TO
DO IT!



WE'LL
SAVE
THE
FUN...

FOR
ANOTHER
TIME.





DAR-
LING.
♡

NIGHTY
NIGHT...



OH
YES...

N-NO!
IT'S
JUST
THE
TV.

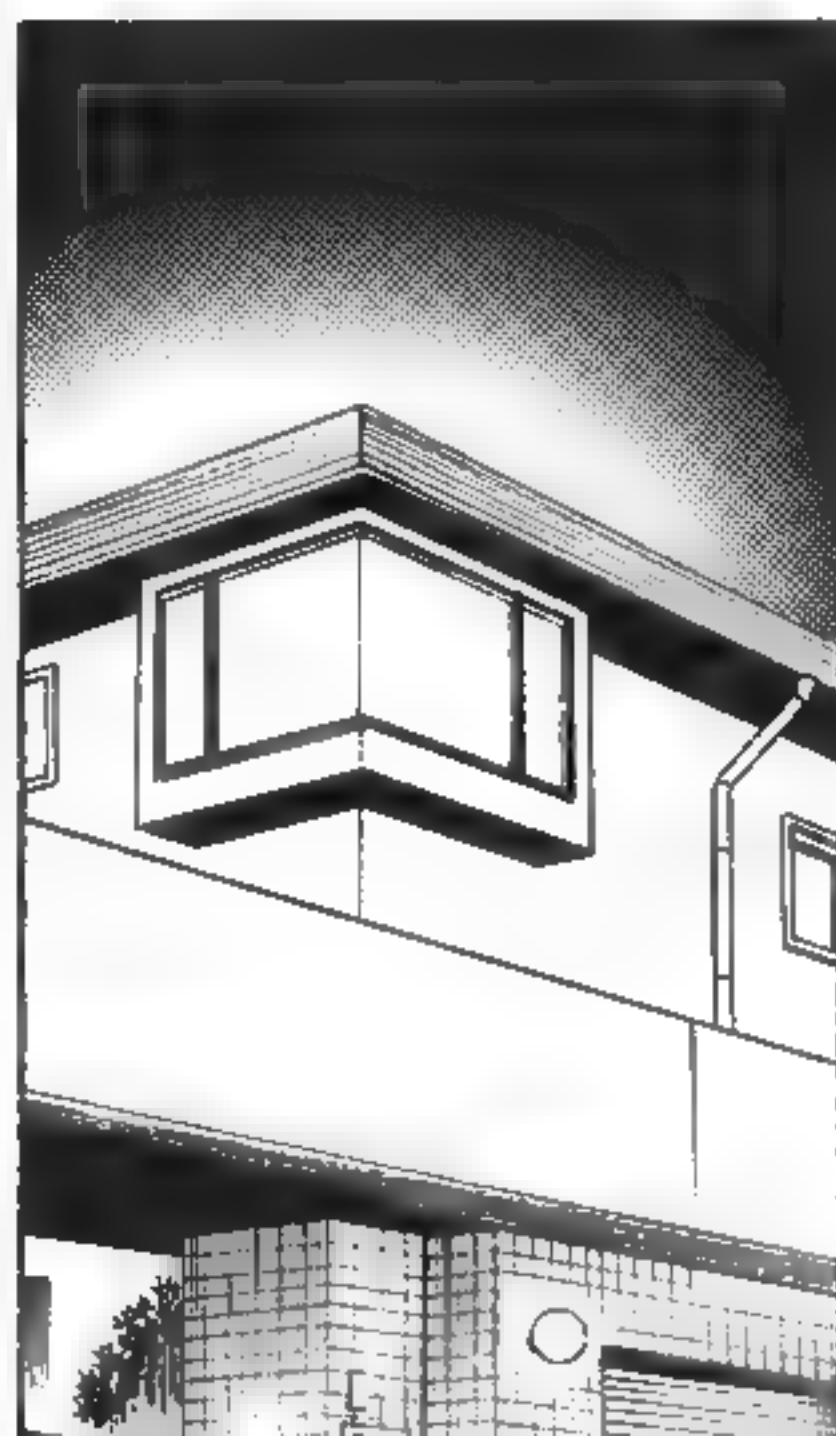
WHAT?
A GIRL?!

OH...



YUUKI-
KUN'S
FATHER'S
MANGA IS
PRETTY
GOOD...

WELL, I
HAVE TO
ADMIT...





CHAPTER 70 CONTRACT: TARGET

BUT
REST
ASSURED,
I'VE
HEARD
OF YOU.

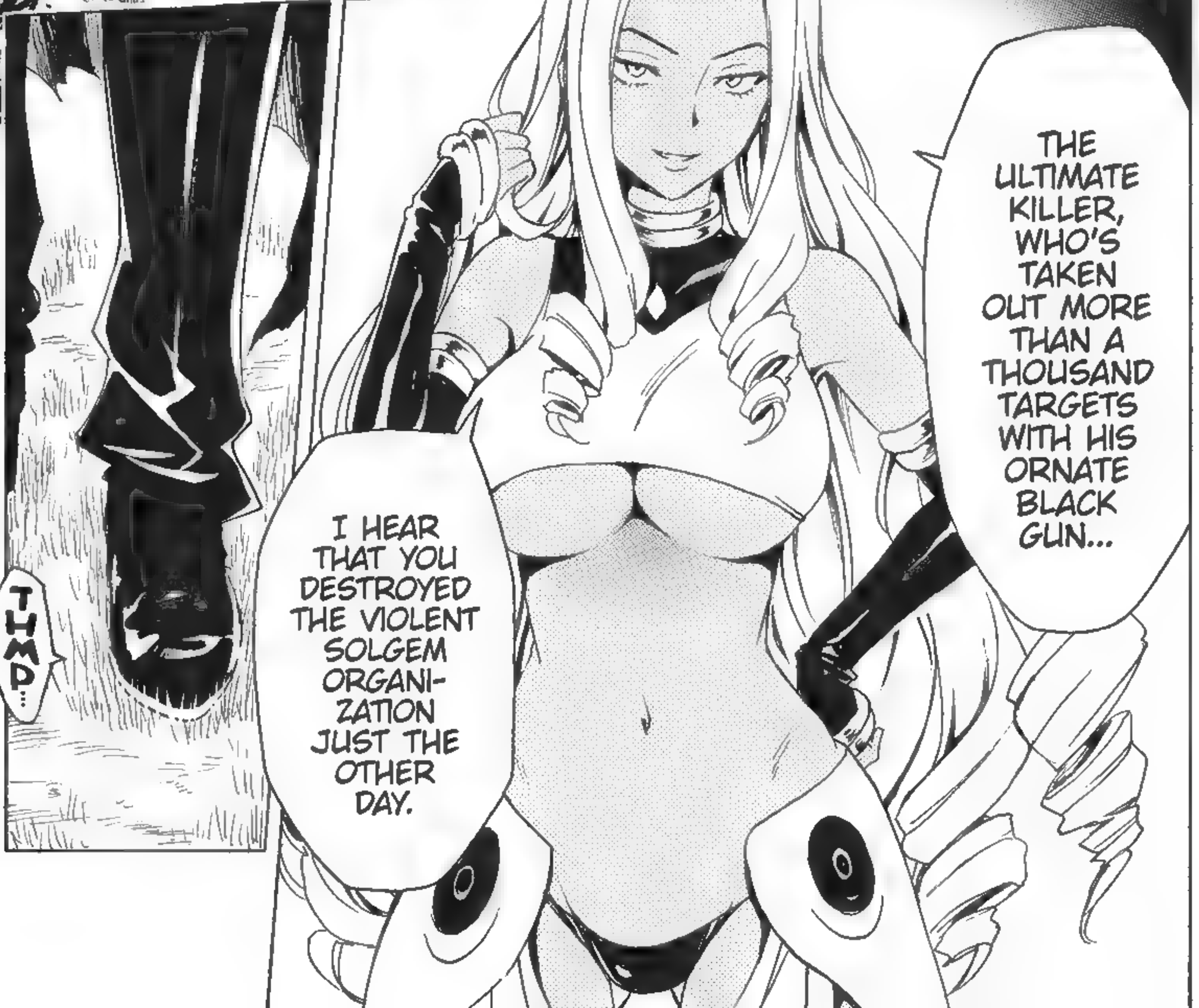
I DON'T
THINK
WE'VE
MET...



THE
ULTIMATE
KILLER,
WHO'S
TAKEN
OUT MORE
THAN A
THOUSAND
TARGETS
WITH HIS
ORNATE
BLACK
GUN...

I HEAR
THAT YOU
DESTROYED
THE VIOLENT
SOLGEM
ORGANI-
ZATION
JUST THE
OTHER
DAY.

TIKA...





**KURO THE
KILLER....!!!**

AND
YOU'RE
AZENDA
THE
TYRANT.

WHAT'S AN
ASSASSIN
DOING
HIRING AN
ASSASSIN?

THERE'S
A PAIR
ON WHOM
I BADLY
DESIRE
REVENGE.

AND I
HATE TO
ADMIT IT,
BUT I'M
SIMPLY NOT
CAPABLE OF
CARRYING
IT OUT
MYSELF.



NO.

THE
TARGETS
ARE
THOSE
TWO?

AND
THE
THIRD
PRIN-
CESS OF
DEVILUKE
....!!



GOLDEN
DARK-
NESS...



THE
CANDI-
DATE TO
SUCCEED
THE DEVI-
LUKIAN
THRONE...

AND
THE
TARGET
OF
GOLDEN
DARK-
NESS!!!

THIS
IS THE
TARGET:
YULUKI
RITO!!



THERE
WILL
NEVER
BE A
CHANCE
LIKE
THIS!!

I'LL
TELL
YOU
HOW TO
DO IT,
SO--

I GATHER
THAT THE
DEVILUKE
SISTERS
ARE AWAY
FROM
EARTH!

I'LL SWIPE
HER TARGET
FROM UNDER-
NEATH HER
AND WATCH
AS SHE
SQUIRMS.
GEE HEE
HEE HEE
HEE!

NO
ONE
TELLS
ME
HOW TO
CARRY
OUT A
JOB.

KRAK

YOU'LL
TELL
ME?

K2H!!

EEGH...

URGH!!

VIIK222
VIIK222

WILL
YOU
ALLOW
ME TO
USE MY
OWN
METH-
ODS?



HUUUUUU--

FWOMP

PLIIISH...

QUIVER

QUIVER

I
ACCEPT
YOUR
CONTRACT.


I'LL
FINISH IT
TONIGHT.





I WAS TRYING TO CONTAIN MY LETHAL AURA.

I DIDN'T THINK I'D TERRIFY HER THAT MUCH...



IN THAT CASE, I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE HER.

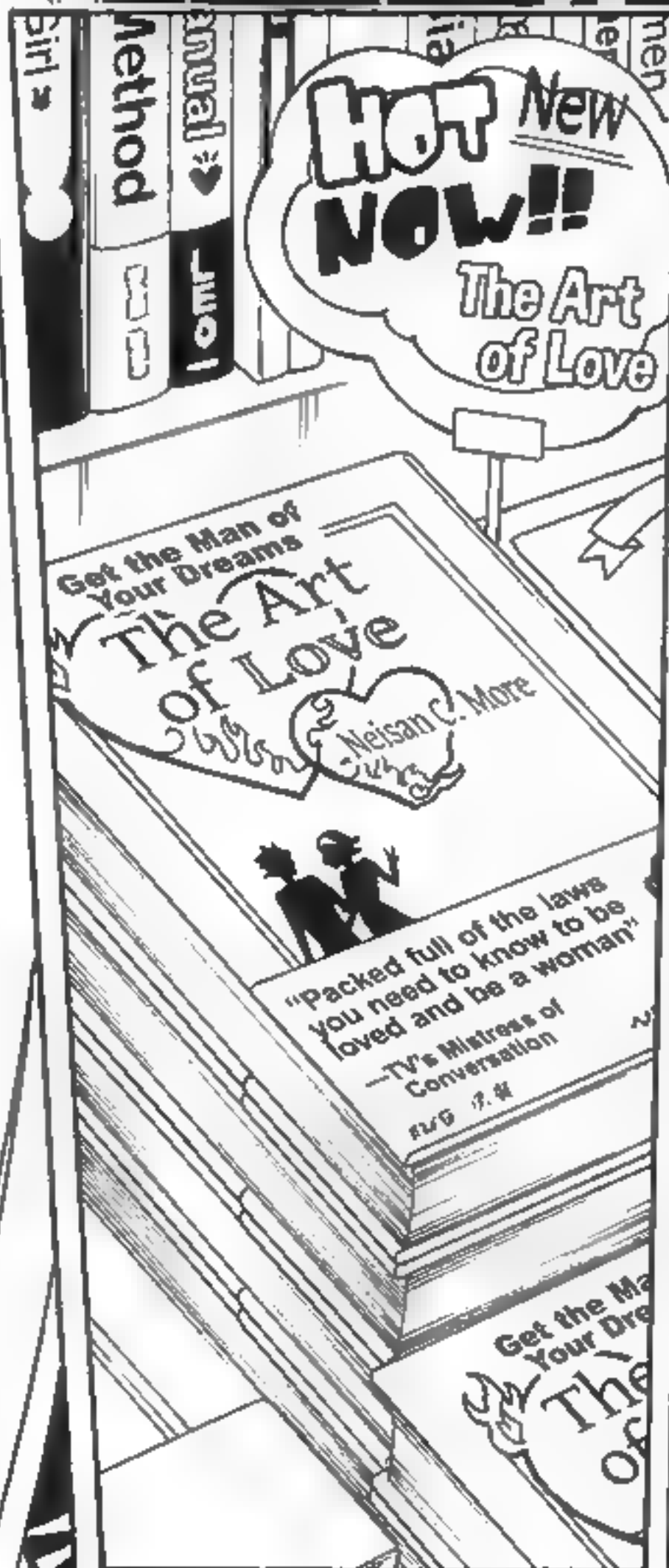
SO, THE TARGET IS YULUKI RITO...



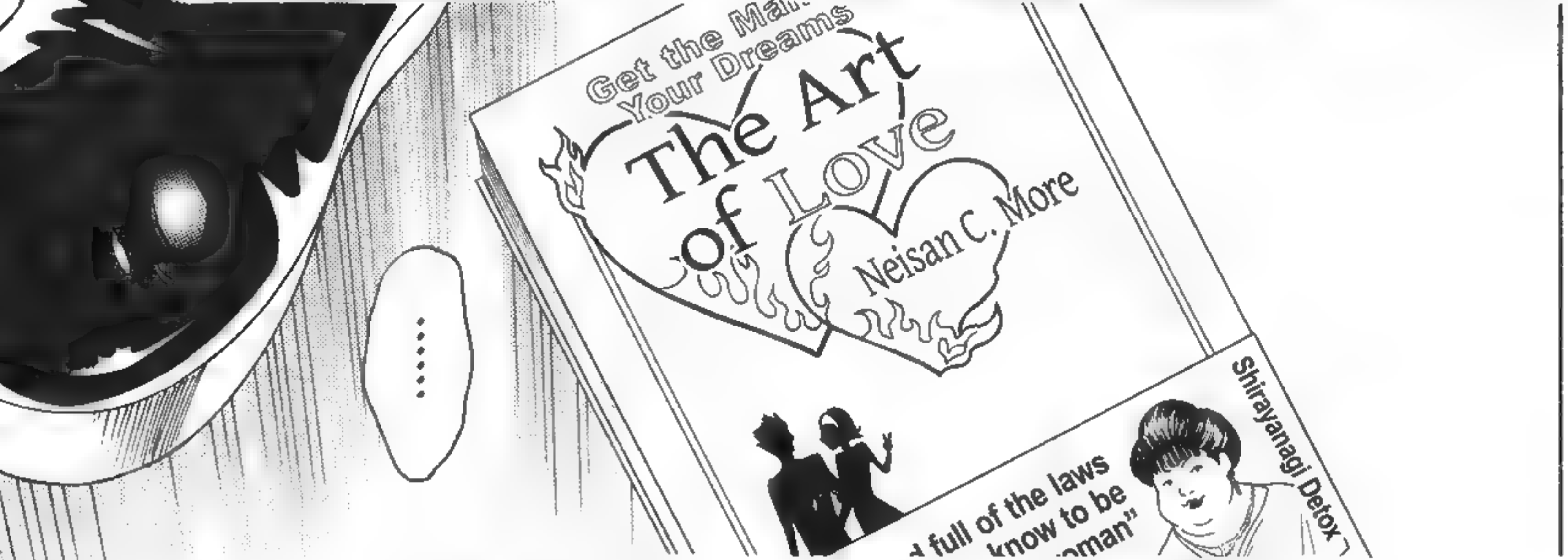
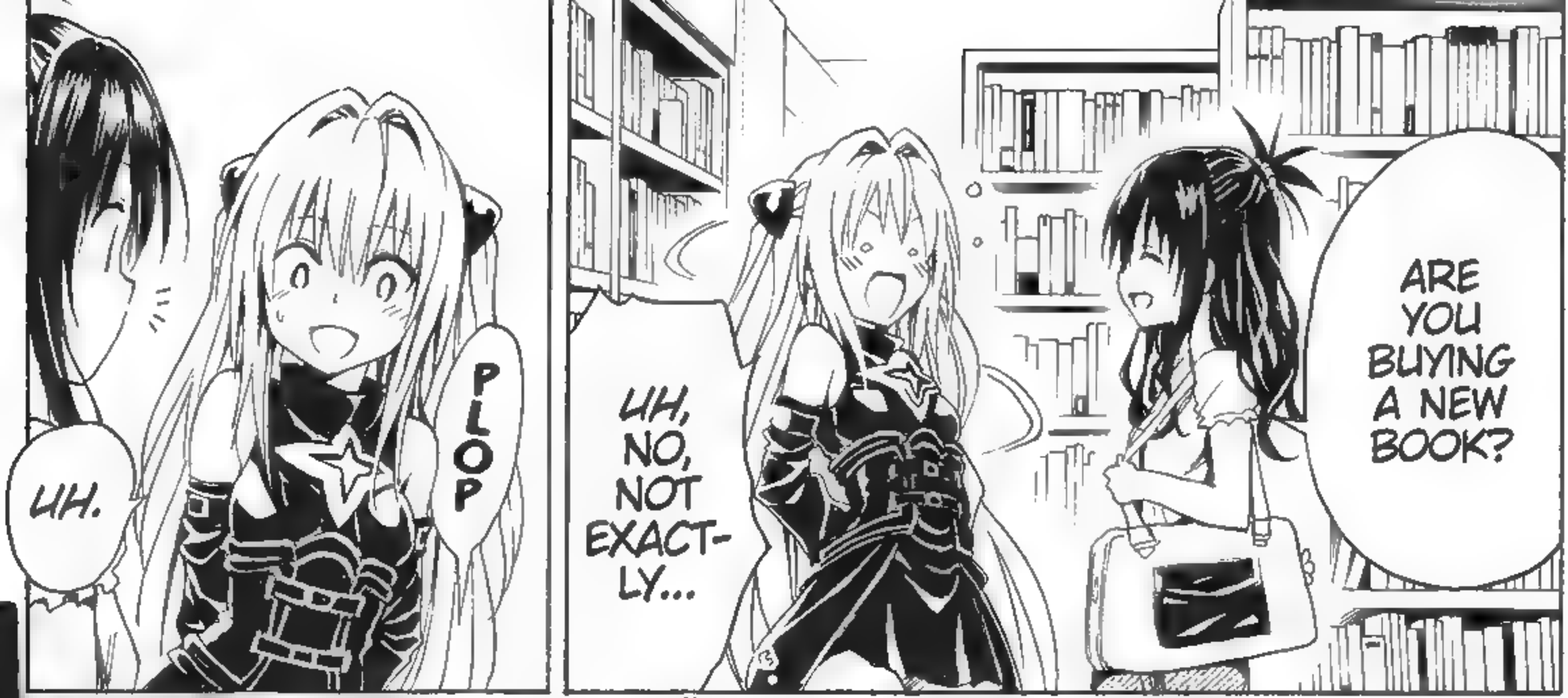
A WEAPON IS A WEAPON, WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE...

I'VE GOT INTEL THAT SHE WENT BY "DARKNESS" FOR A BRIEF PERIOD.

SO...









I DIDN'T
THINK
YOU WERE
INTERESTED
IN THAT
KIND OF
THING.

THAT
WAS
A BIT
OF A
SHOCK...

I KNOW...
I DIDN'T
THINK
I WAS
EITHER.

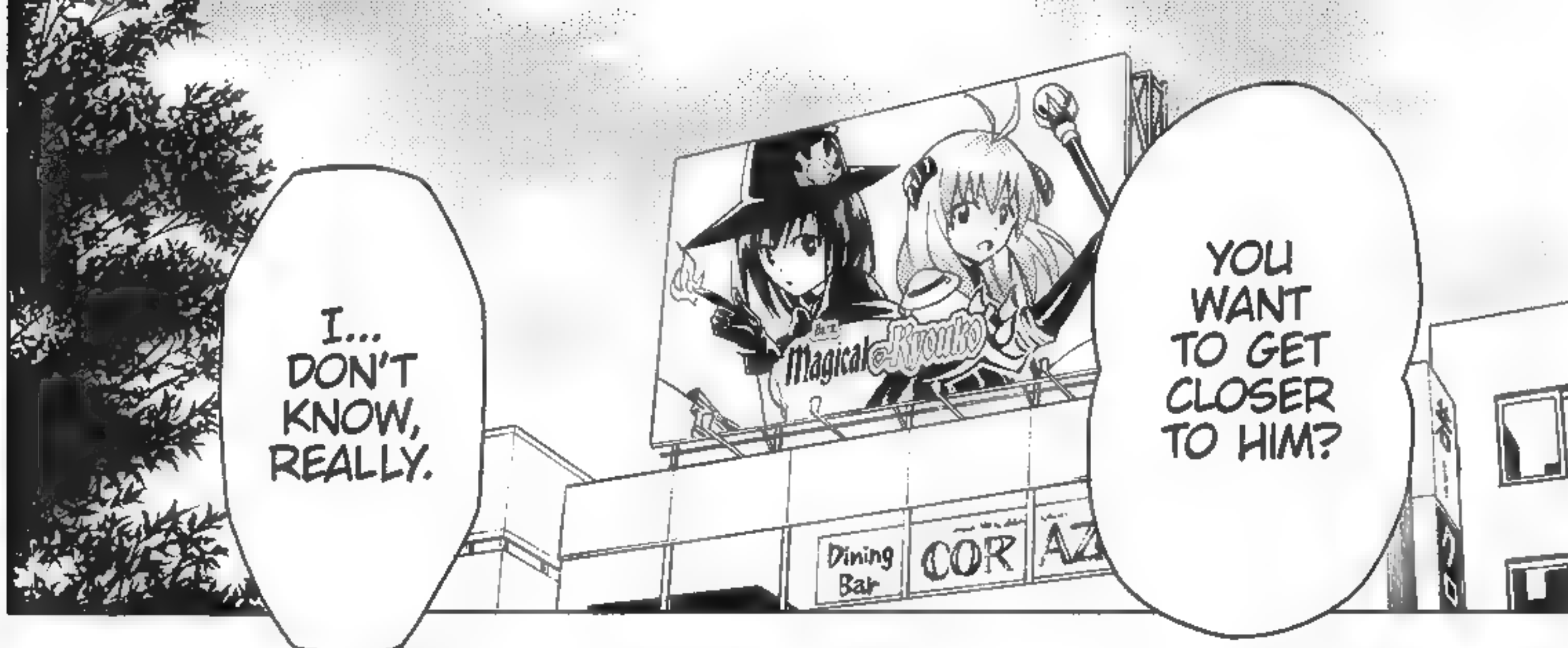


SO!
WHO
IS IT?
SOME-
ONE IN
YOUR
CLASS?

UH...
WELL...



HMM...
WELL,
YOU'RE
AT THAT
AGE,
RIGHT?
I THINK
IT'S
NORMAL.



I...
DON'T
KNOW,
REALLY.

YOU
WANT
TO GET
CLOSER
TO HIM?



You
should
stop just
calling
him your
target
all the
time and
tell him
you love
him.

BUT...
MEA
TOLD
ME...

...

It is

BLUSH...

YES,
IT'S
YULKI
RITO.

WHAT?
ARE
YOU
TELLING
ME
IT'S...

AND I
ALWAYS
END UP
ATTACKING
HIM
INSTEAD.

JUST
AS MEA
SAYS,
I WANT
TO TELL
HIM HOW
I FEEL IF
I GET A
CHANCE...

BUT
EVERY TIME
I MEET
YULKI
RITO, HE
SQUEEZES
ME OR
SPREADS
ME...







AND
THEN
HE'LL
TRIP AND
FALL...
AND ALL
YOUR
EFFORT
WILL
GO TO
NOTHING,
RIGHT?

I THINK
RITO WILL
JUST GET
FREAKED
OUT IF YOU
TRY TOO
HARD TO
TELL HIM
HOW YOU
FEEL.

I
SEE!

YEAH, IT
SCARES
ME OFF
FROM
WANTING
TO DATE
THEM.

BUT
THEY'RE
USUALLY
WAY TOO
INTENSE
AND IT
FREAKS
ME OUT!

LOTS
OF GUYS
HAVE
TOLD ME
THEY
LIKED
ME...



Y-YOU
THINK?
I DUNNO.

MIKAN...
YOU'RE
VERY
MATURE.

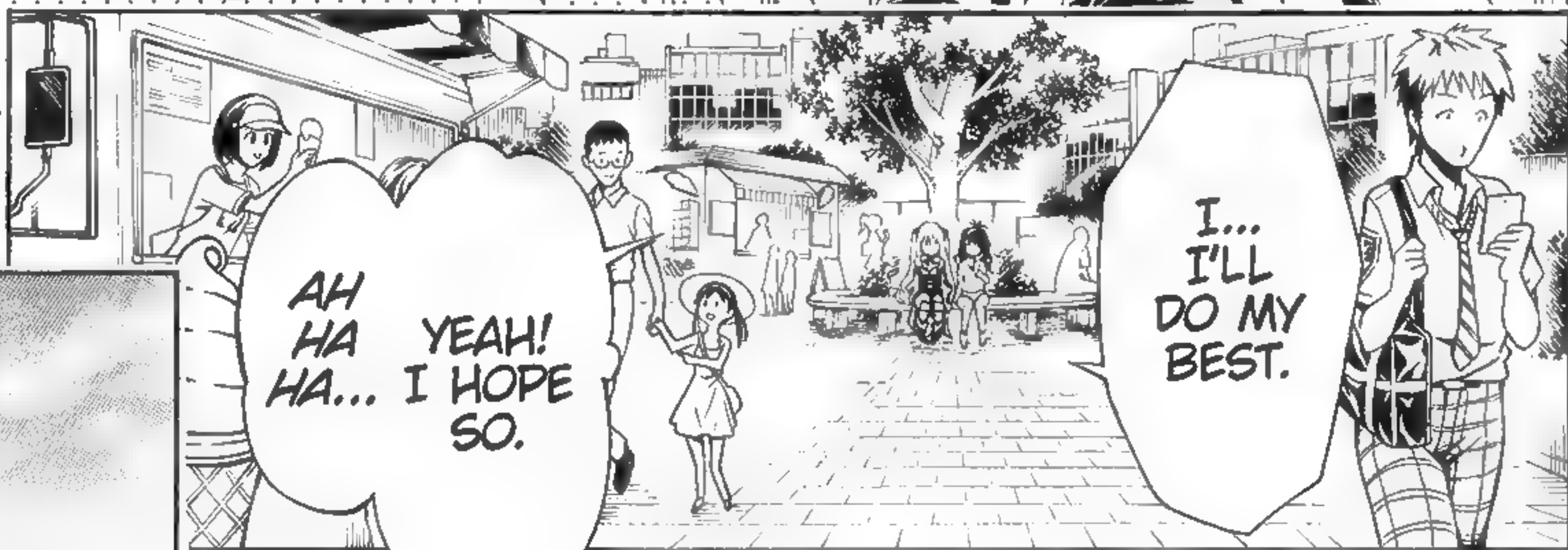


WAIT
FOR A
MOMENT
WHEN IT
FEELS
RIGHT.

ANYWAY!
I THINK
YOU
SHOULD
JUST
KEEP IT
NATURAL...



HONEST-
LY...



AH
HA
HA...
YEAH!
I HOPE
SO.

I...
I'LL
DO MY
BEST.



MMM!
THIS IS
GOOD!!



YOUR
KARAAGE
IS THE
BEST,
MIKAN!

I DIDN'T
FIGURE
YAMI
WOULD
FALL IN
LOVE
WITH
RITO...

JEEZ,
WHAT
IS IT
ABOUT
HIM?

S
T
A
R
E

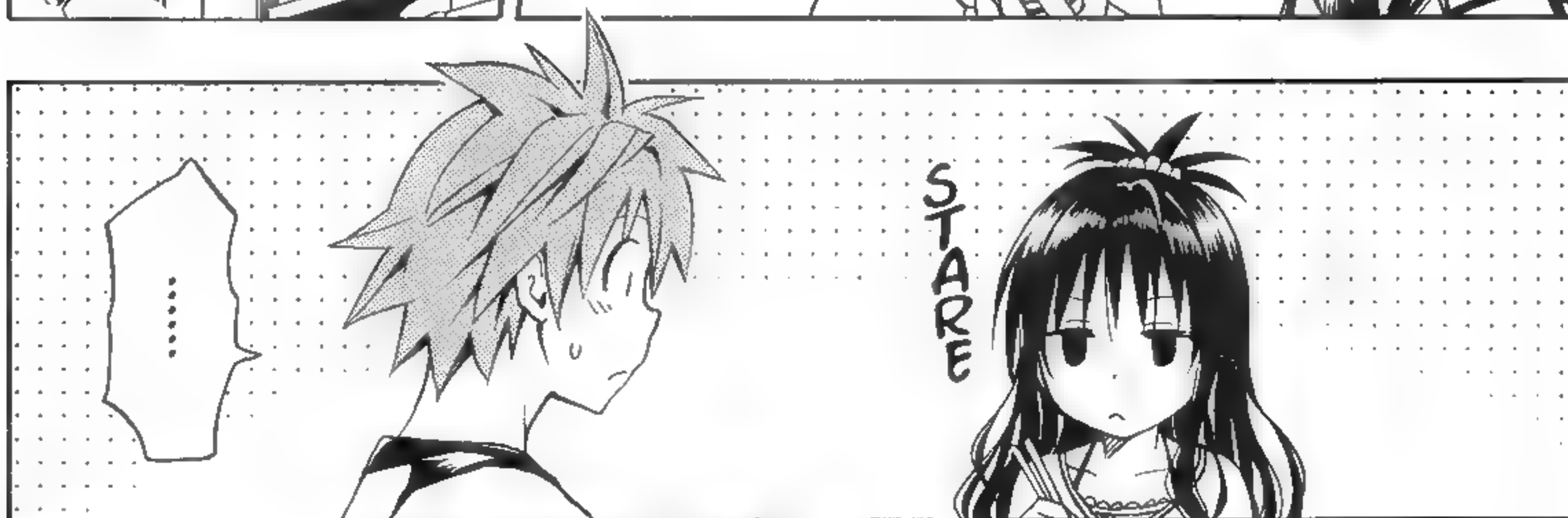




W-
WAS
YOUR
SLEEP-
OVER
FUN?

WELL...
YEAH.

WH-
WHAT?
MIKAN'S
STARING
AT ME...



STARE



I-IS
SHE MAD
ABOUT
SOME-
THING?
DID SHE
FIGURE
OUT THAT
MOMIOKA
STAYED
HERE?

IT WOULD
BE AMUSING
IF THAT WERE
THE CASE,
BUT I DON'T
THINK IT IS.
WE ELIMINATED
ALL EVIDENCE
TO BE SURE,
DIDN'T WE?

FWUP
おっ

BACK
WHEN
IT WAS
JUST
THE TWO
OF US
HERE...

I WOULD
NEVER
HAVE
IMAGINED
RITO
AS A
LADIES'
MAN.



AND
KOTE-
GAWA'S
ACTING
FUNNY...

LALA
LOVES
HIM LIKE
ALWAYS...

I HEAR
RUN-
SAN
DOES
TOO...

AND
HARUNA-
SAN...
YEAH...

MMM...
YOU'VE
GOT A LOT
OF RIVALS,
YAMI-SAN.

AND
MOMO-
SAN...
I THINK
SHE'S
SERIOUS...

EVEN
MEA-
SAN
LIKES
HIM.

BUT
IT'S
WEIRD...

S
H
A
A
A
A
A

IF
THIS HAD
HAPPENED
BEFORE,
I WOULD
HAVE
BEEN
TOTALLY--

M-
MIKAN!!

WHY
AM I
SO
CALM
ABOUT
ALL
THIS?





THAT
WE'D BE
TAKING
BATHS
TOGETHER
AGAIN
LIKE THIS...

I ALSO
NEVER
WOULD
HAVE
THOUGHT
BEFORE...

SCRUB
/ / /

THAT
REMINDS
ME...

SCRUB
/ / /



I DON'T
THINK
RITO
WOULD
BE SO
CALM...

IF HE
WAS WITH
LALA-SAN
OR MOMO-
SAN.

AND WE'RE
GETTING
USED TO
SEEING EACH
OTHER'S
BODIES
LIKE THEY
ARE NOW.

RITO WAS
EMBARRASSED
AT FIRST, BUT
NOW HE'S
STARTING TO
TREAT IT AS
NORMAL...



I
SEE.

THAT'S
WHY
HE'S
CALM.



Because
you...

are
Yuuki
Mikan.



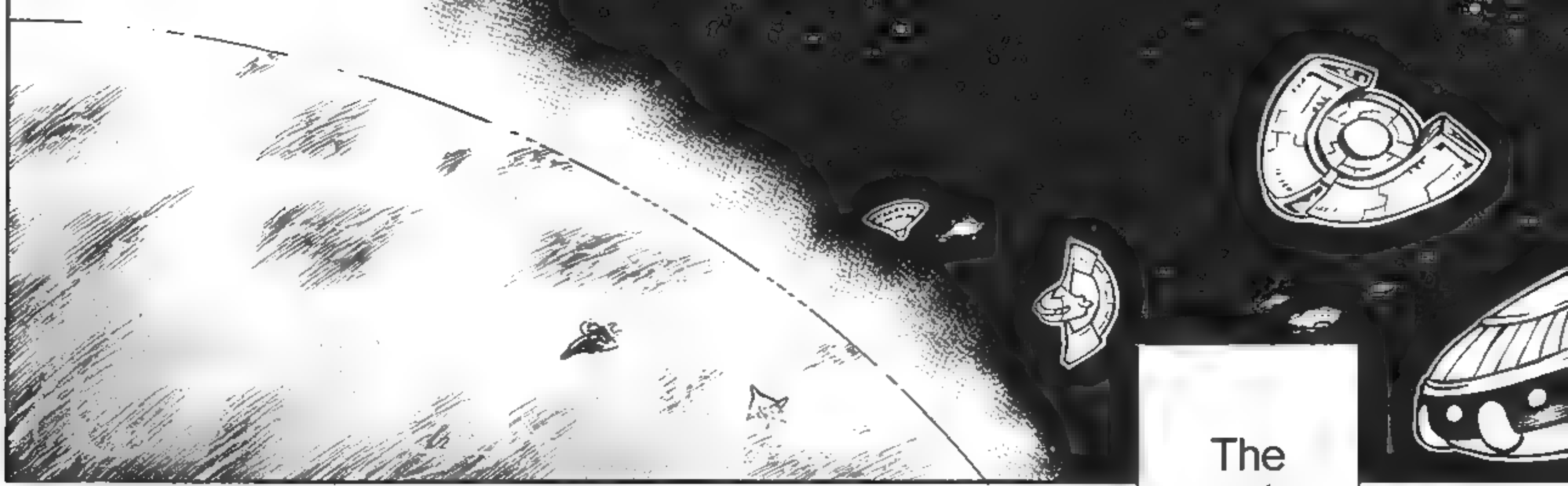
OKAY,
NOW
IT'S
YOUR
TURN.

IT'S
MY...

SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE.

I HAVE
TOO...

RITO'S
NOT THE
ONLY ONE
WHO'S
CHANGED.



The party at the Royal Palace of Deviluke.



CHATTER

CHITTER

SERIOUSLY.
WHEN ARE
WE GONNA
GET THE
TIME TO
EAT?

PHEW...
SO MANY
PEOPLE
TO GREET.
IT'S EX-
HAUSTING.



DAMN,
YOU
TALK LIKE
YOU'RE
ALL
GROWN
UP.

YOU
HAVE
TO PUT
UP
WITH IT,
NANA.

HEE
HEE.

THIS
IS WHAT
FATE HAS
IN STORE
FOR PRIN-
CESSES.



OH,
I WANT
TO GO
BACK TO
RITO-
SAN SO
BAD...

HAVING
SAID
THAT...



HEH
HEH
HEH.

IT'S
SO GOOD
THAT YOU
SIBLINGS
GET
ALONG.

WHAT
IS IT,
NEME-
SIS?



PHWURRR...

♪



KA-
CHAK

WHAT?



WELL,
IT'S...

HM?



WHY ARE
YOU SO
INTERESTED
IN GETTING
ME TO SLEEP
WITH EVERY-
ONE?!

WHY
DON'T
YOU GO
WITH THE
FLOW AND
SLEEP
TOGETHER
TONIGHT?



SO
YOU'RE
YULKI
RITO?



THAT'S
RIGHT, I
MET HIM AT
TENJOUIN-
SENPAI'S
VACATION
HOME...

TH-
THIS
GUY...



NOTHING
PERSONAL,
KID.

IT'S
JUST
BUSINESS.



KURO
THE
KILLER...

WHAT'S
HE
DOING
HERE?



DIE.

THIS
IS MY
CHANCE
TO TEASE
RITO-
SENPAI.

HEH
HEH...
MOMO-
CHAN'S
AWAY.



CRACK

KRAK

NEMESIS!

IF
YOU DIE
WHILE I
AM FUSED
WITH YOU,
I WILL
DIE AS
WELL.

MY
BULLET...

IT DIS-
APPEARED?!

FWOOF

TUMPTUMPTUMP

**STAY
BACK,
MIKAN!!**

RITO!!

**WHAT
WAS
THAT
SOUND?!**


**KURO
SEEMS TO
BE AFTER
YOU. IF YOU
DON'T WANT
TO GET MIKAN
INVOLVED,
THE BEST
WAY WOULD
BE TO
RUN.**

GRRG...




TMP TMP TMP
FWIP





YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
HIM,
NEMESIS?


YOU'RE
QUITE
UNLUCKY
TO BE
TARGETED
BY
KURO...



IN FACT,
HE'S THE
ONE WHO
TOOK OUT
EDEN, THE
ORGANIZA-
TION THAT
CREATED
ME, MEA,
AND
YAMI.



WELL,
YES.



NO ONE KNOWS
WHERE HE CAME
FROM, BUT SINCE
NEAR THE END OF
THE GREAT GALACTIC
WAR HE'S TAKEN OUT
QUITE A FEW NOTABLE
PEOPLE AND
ORGANIZATIONS.

ALONGSIDE
YAMI, HE'S
SAID TO BE ONE
OF THE MOST
COMPETENT
ASSASSINS IN
THE UNIVERSE.


!!



THAT
BLACK
THING...



YULKI
RITO...
DO YOU
POSSESS
SOME
KIND OF
POWER?



IF I
TRIED TO
FIGHT HIM
NOW, THAT
REALLY
WOULD BE
THE END
OF ME.

I
DOUBT
IT...
I'M NOT
EVEN IN A
HEALTHY
STATE.

CAN
YOU DO
ANY-
THING
TO HOLD
HIM
OFF?!



WAS
IT DARK
MATTER...?



THEN
HOW
ABOUT
THIS?!





THE
LIVING
WEAPON
....!

OOH,
DO YOU
HAVE
SOME
BUSINESS
WITH MY
SENPAI?

ooooo!!

ME A...!!



CHAPTER 71
THE REASON I FIGHT:
SOMETHING TO PROTECT



GWOOOOH...

WHAT
IS IT...
THAT I
WANT...?

Sigh...

WHAT
DO I
WANT
FROM
HIM...?









RED-HAIRED MEA...

HEYYY!
YOU
KNOW
WHAT'S
UP, DON'T
YOU?

THE
SECOND-
GENERATION
TRANSFOR-
MATION
WEAPON.



KURO
THE
KILLER?

WHY
ARE
YOU
AFTER
RITO-
SENPAI...



THAT'S
ALL.

I'M
ON A
JOB.



SWF...

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
YOU'D
TELL ME
ANY-
WAY...

WHO
HIRED
YOU?
AH, I
SUPPOSE
IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.



UNLESS
YOU
WANT
TO GET
YOUR
BUTT
KICKED.

BUT
YOU'D
BETTER
GO
BACK
FOR
NOW.



I
COULD
SAY THE
SAME TO
YOU.

FUNNY...



OKAY
THEN.

DA-BOOM

DA-BOOM

KA-BOOM

TAAANG



IT'S
MADE OF
ORICHAL-
CUM, THE
HARDEST
METAL
IN THE
UNIVERSE,
TO SERVE
FOR BOTH
OFFENSE
AND
DEFENSE.

THAT'S
KURO'S
ORNATE
BLACK
GUN,
HADES.

IT
BOUNCED
OFF?!

I
DOUBT
THAT
COULD
COMPETE
IN UTILITY
WITH A
TRANSFOR-
MATION
WEAPON,
BUT...

BOOSH

BOOSH

BOOSH

I HEAR
THAT HADES
ABSORBS
KURO'S
PSYCHIC
ENERGY TO
PRODUCE A
VARIETY OF
BULLETS.













SKSH

SKSH

AH!

SKSH

PWUMPH

SKSH...

!!

TWITCH



S-
SENPAI...

IS
THAT
REALLY
THE ONLY
WAY YOU
KNOW
HOW TO
FALL....?




OH
WELL
...

I
GUESS
IT'S NICE
THAT
YOU'RE
YOUR
SAME
OLD
SELF.

YOU
REALLY...
NEVER
CEASE
TO
AMAZE
ME.

S-
SORRY
!!



WHAT'S
A LIVING
WEAPON
DOING
TRYING TO
PROTECT
SOME
SCRUB?

I
DON'T
GET
IT...

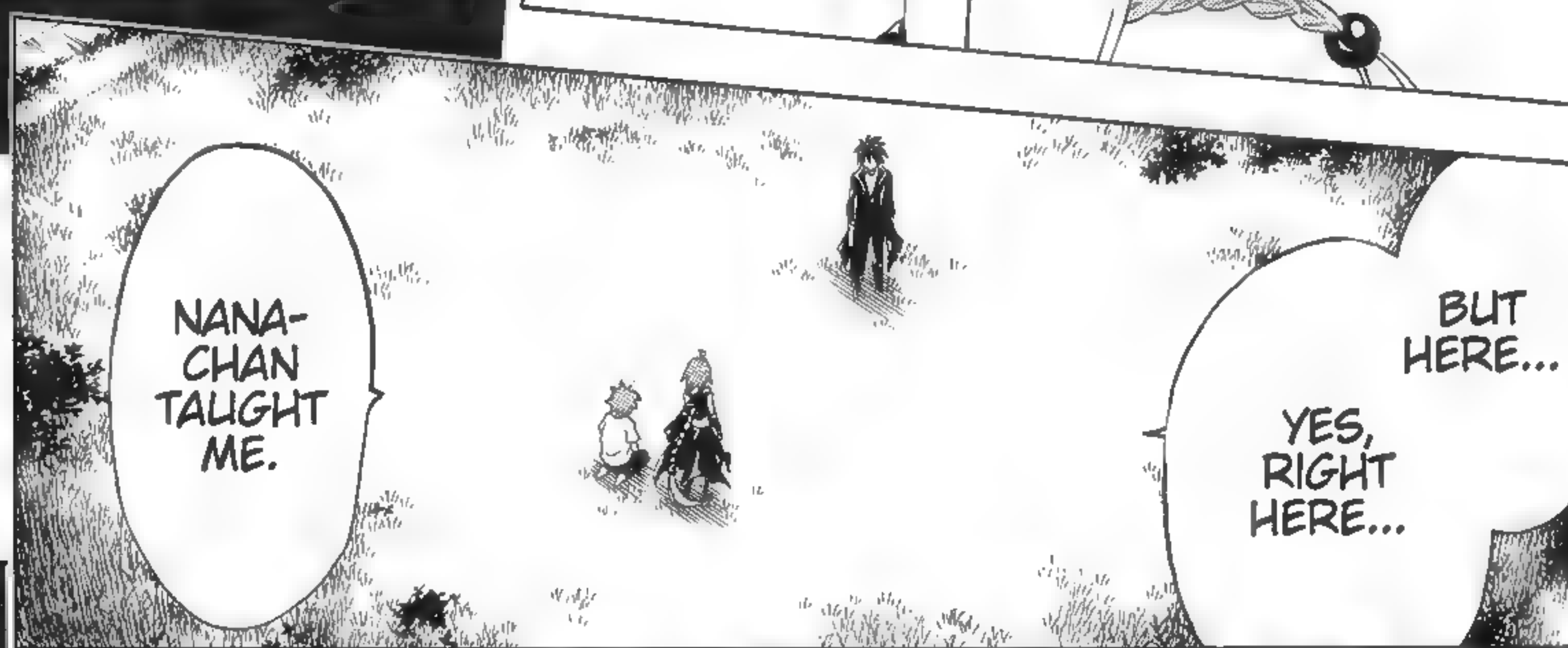
WHAT?

BECAUSE...
IT'S
RITO-
SENPAI.



I NEVER
THOUGHT
TO
PROTECT
ANYONE.

BEFORE
I CAME
TO THIS
TOWN...



NANA-
CHAN
TAUGHT
ME.

BUT
HERE...

YES,
RIGHT
HERE...



AND
THEN...

LIVING
IN THIS
TOWN, I
CAME TO
UNDER-
STAND.



SHE
TAUGHT
ME
WHAT IT
MEANS
TO BE
FRIENDS.



HAS
BEEN
SWEET...

MY
LIFE
HERE...

SOME-
TIMES
CHILL,
SOME-
TIMES
SEXY...

AND
STUPID
AND
SILLY...



AND
MOSTLY...
IT'S
BECAUSE
OF RITO-
SENPAI.



LOSING
YOUR
EDGE...

IS
WONDER-
FUL!!



I
ASK,
WHY
WOULDN'T
I?

SO
IF YOU
ASK ME
WHY I'D
RISK MY
LIFE TO
PROTECT
HIM...



MEA...



ABSURD.

TO
PROTECT
HIM?

A WEAPON
PROTECTING
A HUMAN?



FWIP

PLASMA
BULLETS!!



Agh!
Ah!

I
KNOW
VERY
WELL
WHAT
YOU
ARE.

Gkh!

BZZZT

BZZZAT

A
POWERFUL
ELECTRIC
SHOCK...

BZZRRRT

WILL
FREEZE
YOUR
TRANSFOR-
MATION
POWERS
FOR A
TIME.

SHFF

BZZZT



ME!!

THUMP

AH...

UNG...

TWITCH

FISHH...

TWITCH

FISHH...



H-HEY,
ARE
YOU
OKAY?!




ZZZT...

TWITCH

TWITCH



I'M...
NUMB...
HA
HA...



YOU'RE
PRETTY
TOUGH...
THAT WAS
ENOUGH
JUICE TO
TURN MOST
ANIMALS
INTO A
BLACKENED
HUSK.

STILL...
YOU
WON'T
BE USING
YOUR
TRANS-
FORMATION
FOR A
LITTLE
WHILE
NOW.



S-
SENPAI...

IF
YOU'RE
GOING
TO KILL
SOMEONE,
JUST
KILL
ME!!

W-
WAIT!!
YOU'RE
AFTER
ME,
RIGHT?



I WILL
TERMI-
NATE THE
LIVING
WEAPON.

BOTH
OF
YOU...
DIE.



UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
THOUGH,
I'VE
ALREADY
MADE UP
MY MIND.

YOU'VE
GOT
COUR-
AGE.

I DECIDED
BEFORE
I EVEN
ACCEPTED
THE JOB.





SKRRRSH!

THAT
WAS
YOUR
POWER.

SO
WHEN
YULKI
RITO WAS
ABLE TO
BLOCK MY
BULLET...

I
SEE...



CURSES.



IT'S
SO MUCH
WORK
TO LOOK
AFTER MY
FORMER
SERVANTS.

AH
...!





MEA.

YOU
CERTAINLY
HAVE
LOST
YOUR
EDGE...

ME A.



WHAT
WERE
YOU
DOING
INSIDE
SENPAI?
I WAS SO
WORRIED!!

I
MISSED
YOU
SOOO
MUCH!!

NEME-
CHAN!

WOBBLE...



FOR
NOW,
WE HAVE
TO TAKE
CARE OF
THIS.

ASK
RITO TO
EXPLAIN
IT TO
YOU
LATER.



I NEVER
EXPECTED
YOU'D
POSSESS
YULKI
RITO...

YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE?

NEMESIS,
THE
DARK
MATTER
LIVING
WEAPON.



NEME-
CHAN...

SO
ARE
YOU
SHIELD-
ING HIM
TOO?

I AM
NOT YET
FULLY RE-
COVERED.



HOW-
EVER...

HIS
TARGET
IS
YULKI
RITO.



IN SUCH
CASES, IT'S
WISEST TO
RETREAT...

AND...
MEA...
YOU'RE
STILL
UNDER THE
EFFECT
OF THAT
ELECTRIC
SHOCK.



AT
BEST,
I'M AT...
SAY,
SEVENTY
PERCENT
OF FULL
CAPACITY.



YEAH!

WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
TAKE
HIM
ON.

YOUR
POWERS
OF PERVER-
SION ARE
USELESS
AGAINST A
MAN, SO
HUSH.


HEY,
UH...
ACTUALLY,
YOU
SHOULD
BOTH
RUN
FOR IT,
PRONTO!!



SO
NOW
I'VE
GOT TWO
LIVING
WEAPONS
TO
FACE...

THAT'S
PERFECT.



A black and white manga panel showing a character with spiky hair holding a sword. The character has a serious expression. The sword has a scabbard with a tassel. The background is dark and textured.

YOU TRANS-
FORMATION
WEAPONS
ARE WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE
WAR...AND
NOW I'LL
END YOU
FOREVER.

NOW
I CAN
FINISH
THE
JOB
LIKE I
SHOULD
HAVE
LONG
AGO.

A black and white manga panel showing a character with spiky hair looking up with a shocked expression. The character's mouth is open, and their eyes are wide. The background is dark and textured.

THIS
SHOCK
WAVE...
IT'S TRE-
MENDOUS!

IF
ALL THAT
ENERGY
IS GOING
INTO THOSE
BULLETS...
WE'RE IN
TROUBLE.

IN RAW
ENERGY
CAPACITY,
HE MIGHT
EVEN
SURPASS
GID.

ZU...



MEA
AND
NEMESIS.

STAND
BACK...

KSH



THAT
VOICE
....!!






YAMI-
ONEE-
CHAN!!

I'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF
KURO.

AND
HERE
YOU
ARE.




AFTER
ALL THIS
TIME
YOU'VE
BEEN
LOAFING
ABOUT
ON
EARTH.



BUT
DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU CAN
BEAT
ME?




YOU'RE
NOT
WRONG
...




THE WAY
I AM NOW
MIGHT BE
SUFFICIENT
IN MANY
CASES, BUT
PERHAPS NOT
IN YOUR
CASE...

BACK
THEN...
IF I'D
WANTED
TO FINISH
YOU, I
COULD
HAVE.



BUT
YOU'RE
NOT
ABOUT
TO BACK
DOWN,
ARE
YOU?



IT
WAS
ONLY
ON A
WHIM
THAT I
LET YOU
GO.



IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE...

THEN
ALL
I CAN
DO IS
HIT YOU
WITH
EVERY-
THING I
HAVE.



CHAPTER 72
BLACK AND DARKNESS
FEELINGS TO CONVEY





Why
do you
target
me?

BACK
THEN...

I destroyed
the organi-
zation that
made you
into a
weapon.

We no
longer
have a
reason
to fight.

I know
nothing
but
fighting.

Are
you
saying...
I should
live as
I will?



What
would
you
have
me
do?

*I
JUST...*

*IT
MIGHT
BE...*

*I SAW
MYSELF
IN YOU.*





**DARK-
NESS!!**

IS IT HER
INSTINCT
TO FIGHT
KURO THAT
REAWAKENED
HER...?

OR...



SHE
TRANS-
FORMED
THE
GROUND?!





KA-
TANG!

HER
SPECS
JUST SKY-
ROCKETED
....!



WHO!!

BWAAAASH

WHO, WHO, WHO!!
YAMI!!

H-HAS SHE
GONE
OUT OF
CON-
TROL?!





BWSH

SO
THIS...
IS
"DARK-
NESS!"

BLAM

ZZZ



IT DID
SEEM
YOU'D
MADE
PROG-
RESS.

WHEN I
MET YOU
EARLIER,
HERE ON
EARTH...
AFTER SO
LONG...



SO!!





TRANS-
FORMATION:
"DARKNESS!"

HADES
AT
FULL
BLAST!

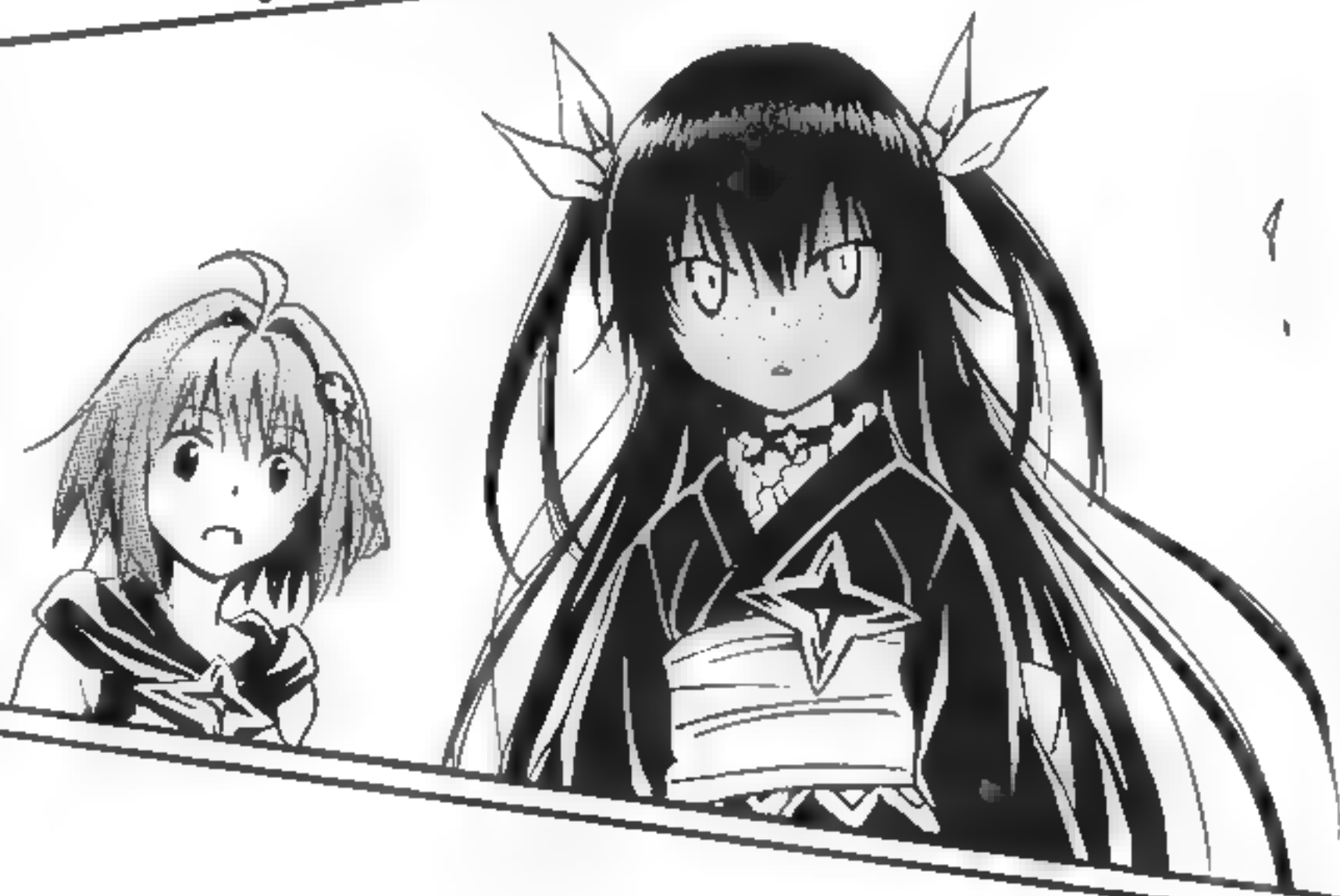
PLANET
SLICER!!!

RAIL-
GUN!!!





YAMI!!



I DIDN'T
FORESEE
THIS...





HADES
WAS MADE OF
ORICHALCUM...



SHE'D
HAVE TO
HAVE
HELD
BACK.



SWF
SHE
COULDN'T
HAVE...



BUT...
HOW
COULD
THIS BE?
WHERE'S
ALL THIS
ENERGY...

AND
HOW IS IT
THAT I'M--
THAT THIS
TOWN'S
STILL
ALIVE?



YOU
MADE ME
STRAIN
EVEN
MORE
THAN
PRINCESS
LALA
DID.

YOU
LIVE
UP TO
YOUR
REPU-
TATION,
KURO.



CHAK...

YES...

THIS IS
DARK-
NESS'S
COSTUME,
ISN'T
IT?









WHA...

AHHN!!!

AH...



I...
I-I-
I'M
SORRY!!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT... WHY
ARE YOU
ALWAYS,
ALWAYS
...?!!



I'M
DOING
THIS TO
SAVE
YOU,
DON'T
YOU
SEE?!

HUH?!

B-BUT
PLEASE
STOP!!
YOU CAN'T
LET YOUR
POWER
RUN
LOOSE
ANY
FURTHER!!

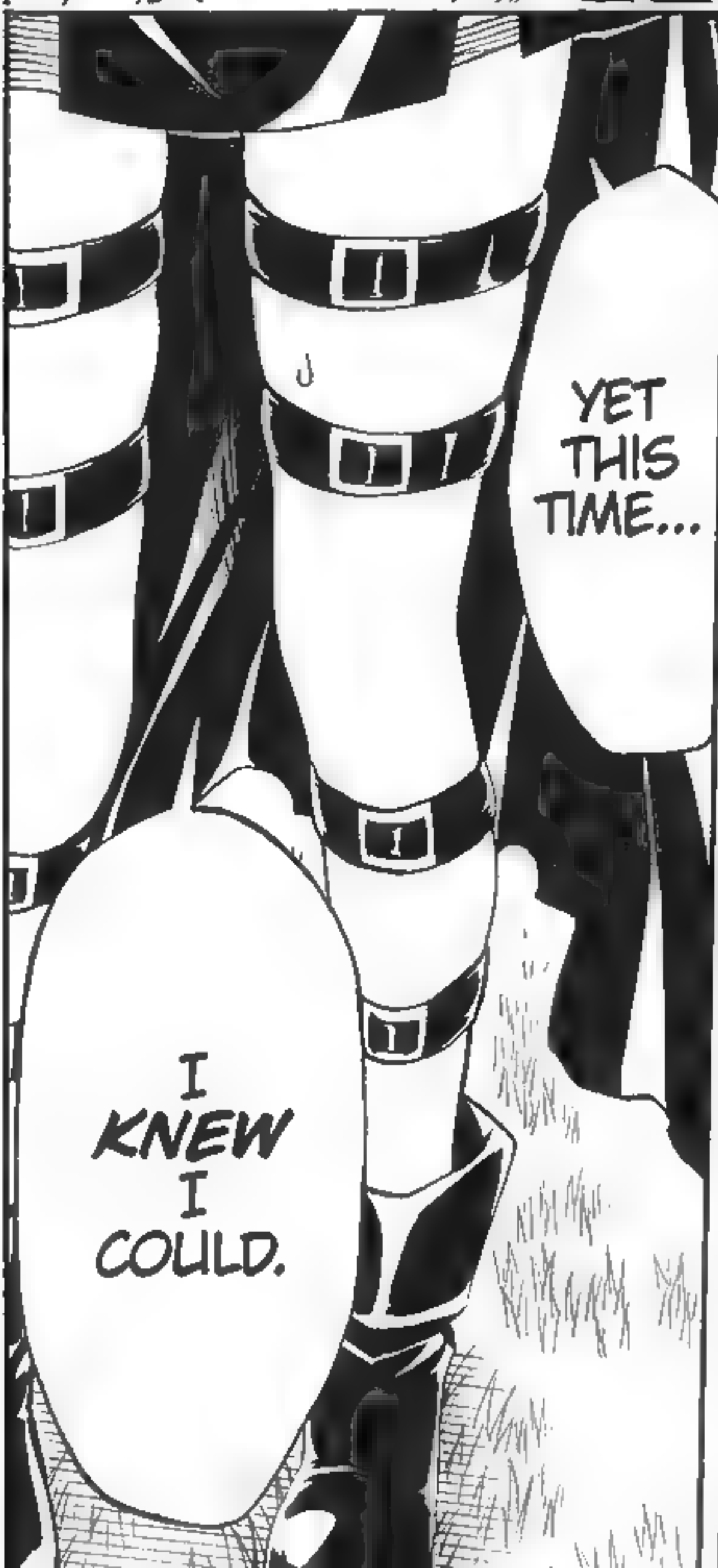




I HAD NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
USE THE
POWER OF
"DARK-
NESS."

IN
ORDER
TO NEU-
TRALIZE
HIM...

KURO
IS A
FEARSOME
FOE. AFTER
RESTING IDLY
ON EARTH,
I WAS NO
LONGER IN
SHAPE TO
FIGHT
HIM.



YET
THIS
TIME...

I
KNEW
I
COULD.



BUT...
BACK
WHEN
YOU
BECAME
"DARK-
NESS"
BEFORE...

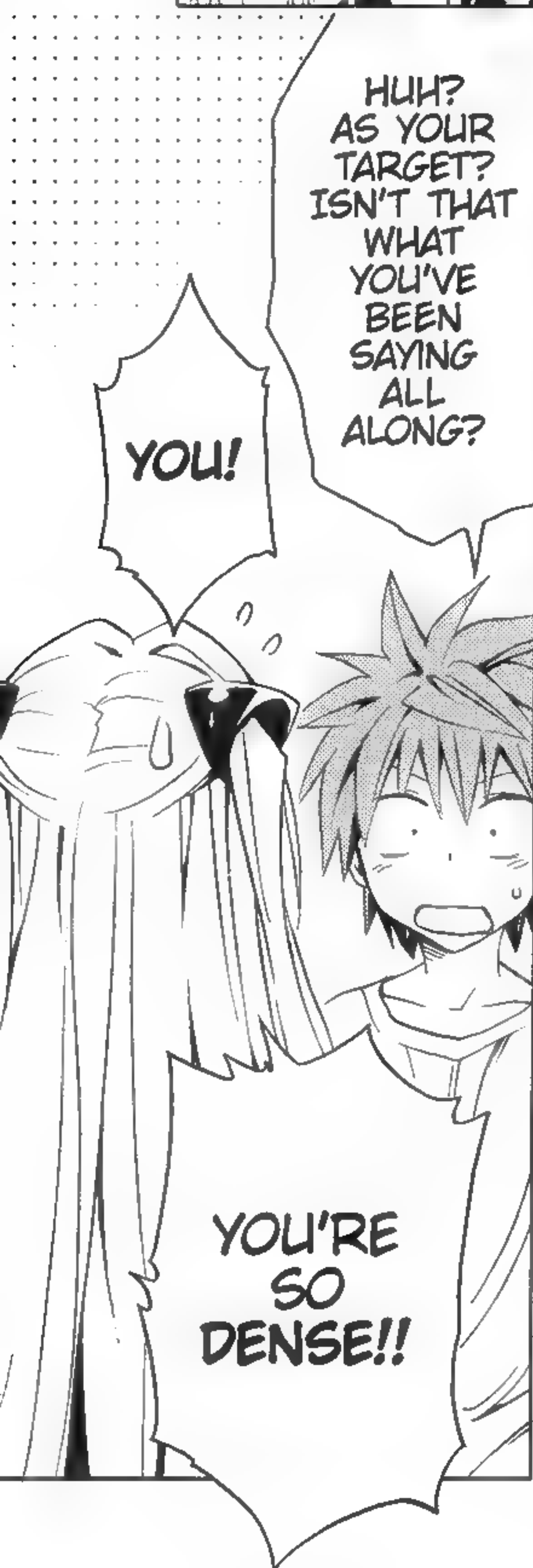
TRUE...
BACK
THEN,
I WAS
UNABLE TO
CONTROL
MYSELF.



MY
BODY
RETAINED
THE
MEMORY
OF MY
PREVIOUS
AWAKEN-
ING.

ALSO...

YOU...
KNEW?



HUH?
AS YOUR
TARGET?
ISN'T THAT
WHAT
YOU'VE
BEEN
SAYING
ALL
ALONG?

YOU!

YOU'RE
SO
DENSE!!



I BE-
CAME...
AWARE.

THAT
IS...

SO
NOW...
MY
MIND
IS
CLEAR.

OF
YOU...
AS MY
TARGET.







IT
APPEARS
I WAS
MISTAKEN.

HEH...

SHFF..



KURO...

I CAME
IN WITH
MY OWN
EXPECTATIONS
ONLY TO BE
SLAPPED
ACROSS
THE FACE
BY REALITY.
I'M THE
FOOL.

YOU
CHOSE
YOUR
OWN PATH
LONG
AGO.





AND
MOLDED
INTO AN
ASSASSIN.

I'M...
JUST
LIKE
YOU.

AS A
YOUNG
BOY, I WAS
TAKEN IN BY
AN ORGANI-
ZATION THAT
FANCIED THEM-
SELVES THE
ARBITERS
OF THE
UNIVERSE...



KURO...

MAYBE
THAT'S
WHY...

WHEN
I SAW
YOU,
BORN
AS A
WEAPON...

I SAW
MY
OWN
FATE.

I'VE
FAILED
THE
MISSION...
I ADMIT
DEFEAT.

TROMP...



IT'S MY
TURN TO
CHANGE.

NOW...

GOOD-
BYE,
GOLDEN
DAR--

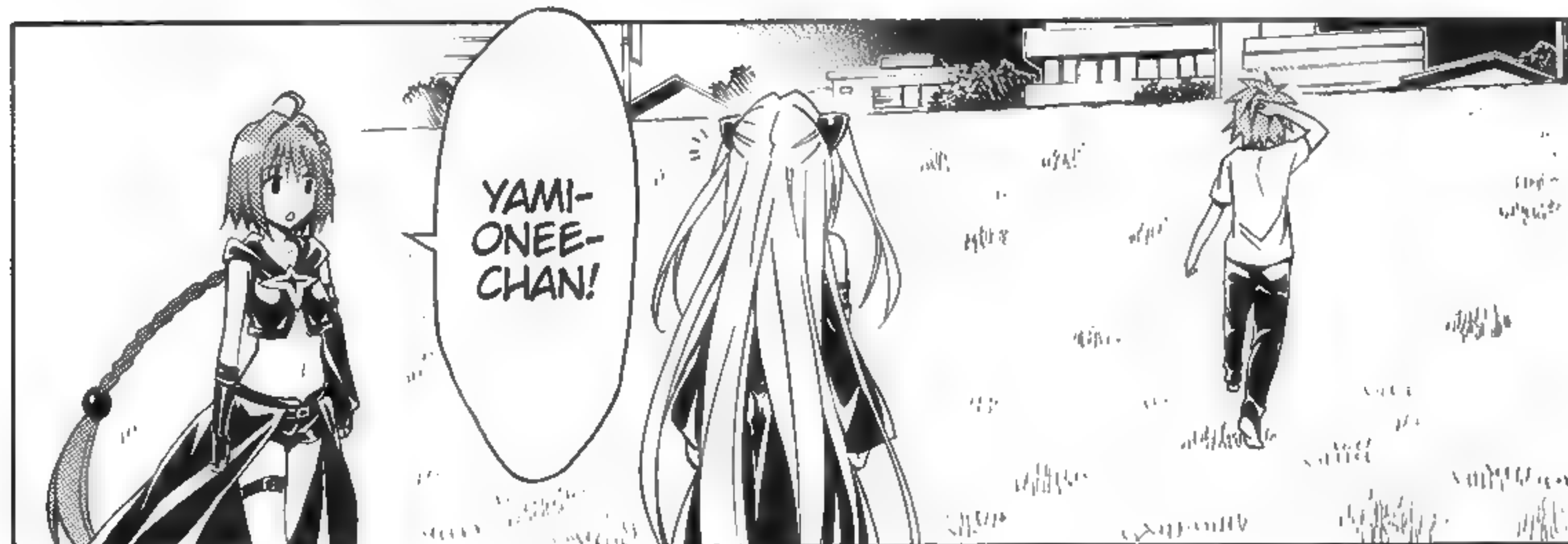
I'LL
WASH MY
HANDS OF
BEING A
KILLER.



NO...



YAMI.



WHOA,
WHOA,
WHOA!

N-
NOT
NOW...

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
GET AN
ANSWER
FROM
HIM?

I
GUESS I
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT
TO KILL
YULKI
RITO
MYSELF!!

DAMN
THAT
KURO!
TALKS
A BIG
GAME,
AND
WHAT
DOES HE
DO?!



AZENDA
THE
TYRANT...
SO SHE'S
BEHIND
THIS?

OH!
THAT'S...



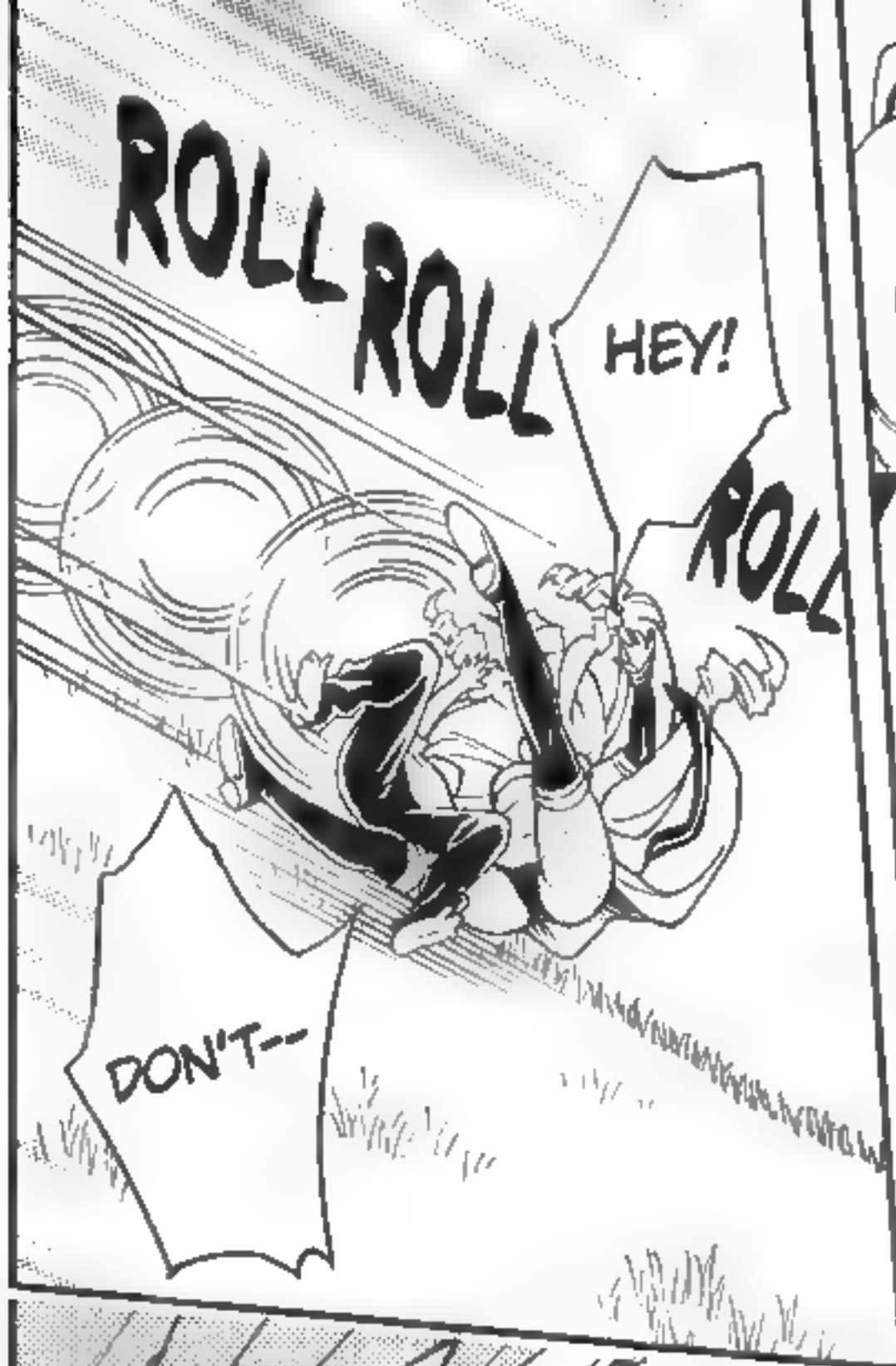
NO
NEED
TO
WORRY.

WHERE
WOMEN
ARE CON-
CERNED,
RITO IS
INVINCIBLE.

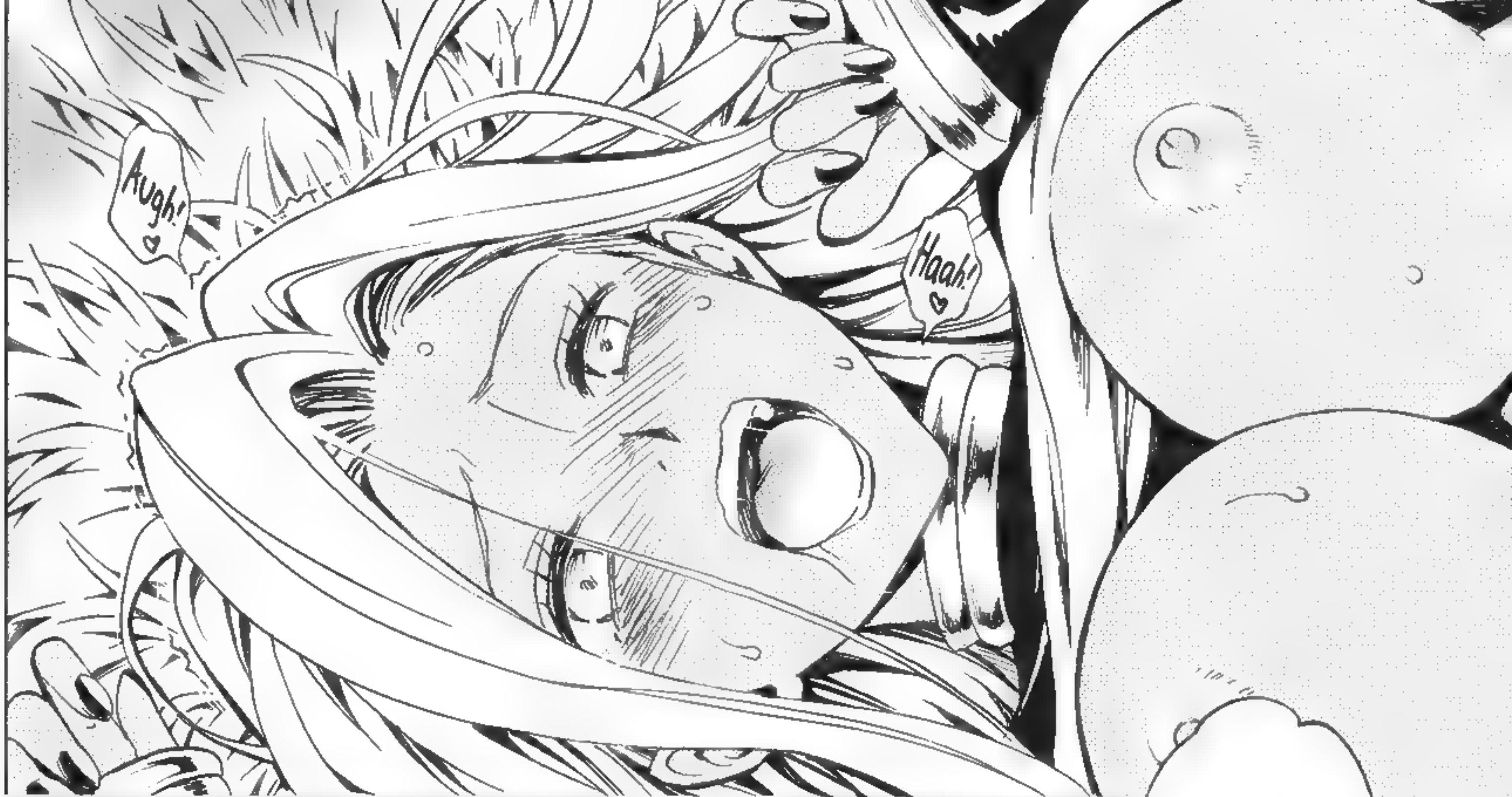
SHING



WISHFF







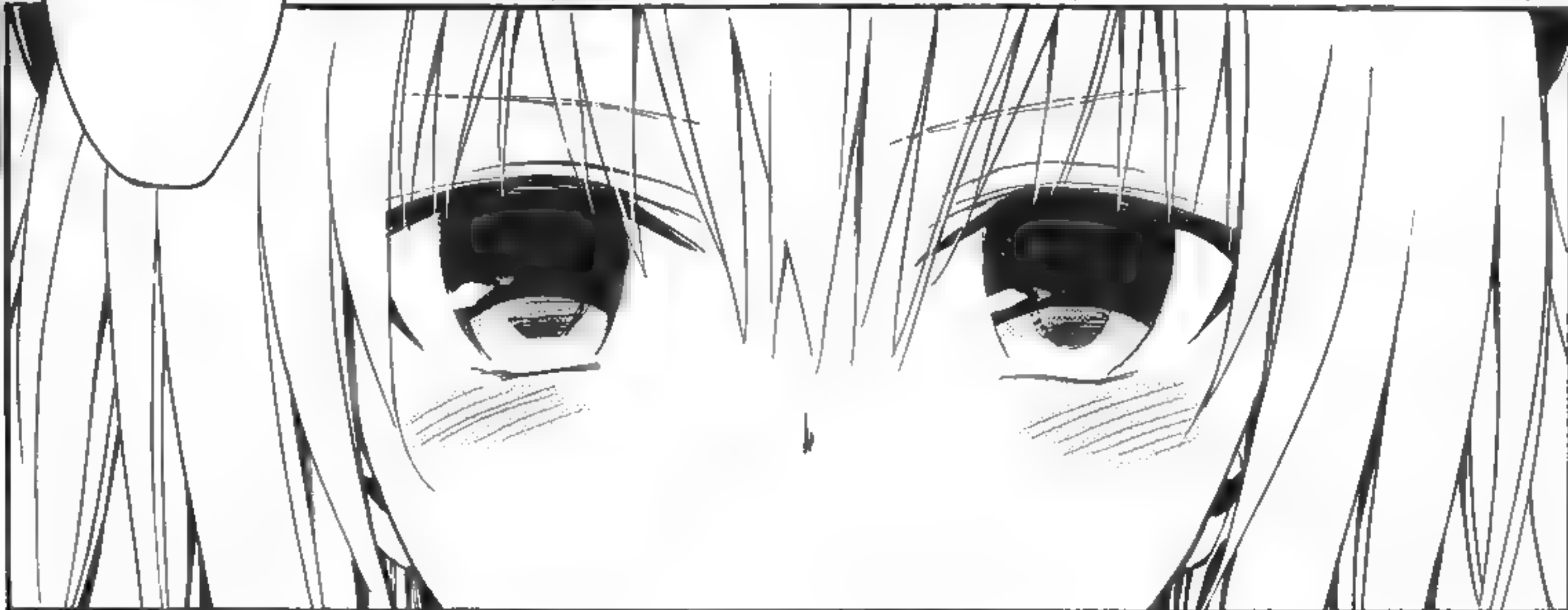


WELL...
THINGS
HAVE
HAPPENED.

HAVE
YOU
HAD A
CHANGE
OF
HEART?



THAT
BOY...

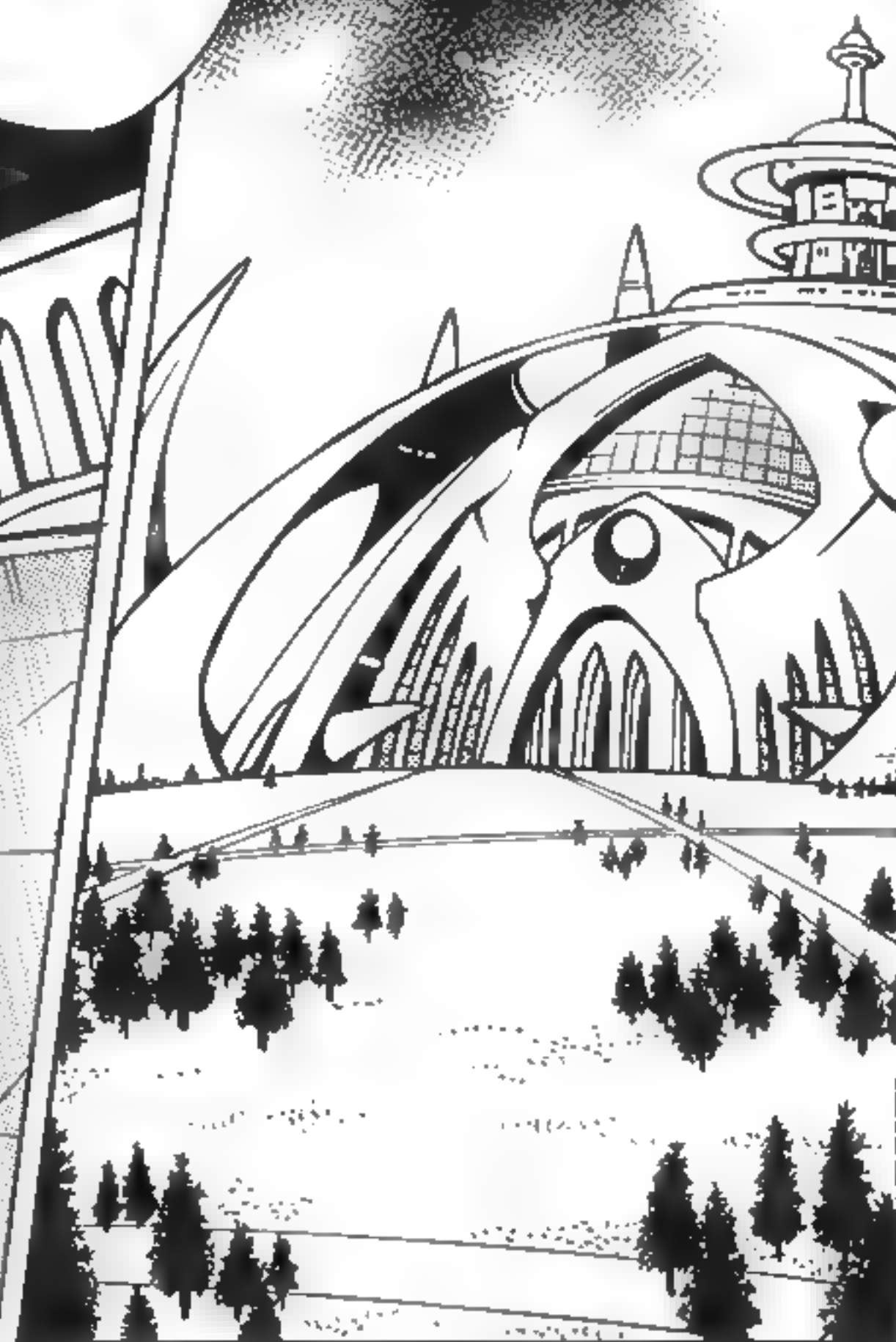


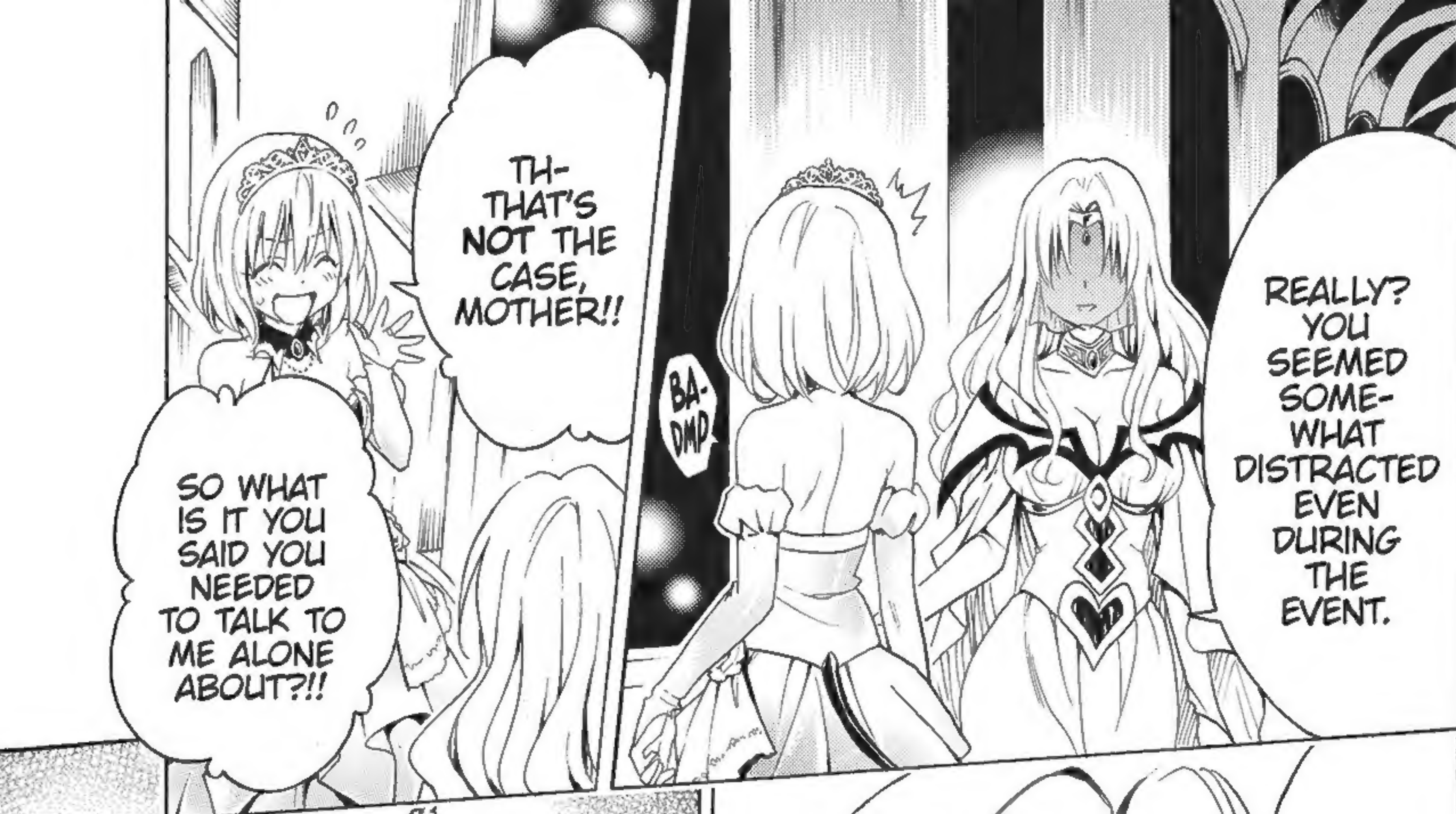
HOW
WILL SHE
REACT TO
WHAT'S
HAPPENED
IN HER
ABSENCE?
HEH HEH
HEH...

BUT I
WONDER...
WHEN
PRINCESS
MOMO,
RETURNS...

ARE
YOU
TIRED
AFTER
THE
PARTY,
MOMO?

NOT
AT ALL,
MOTHER.
♪





SO WHAT
IS IT YOU
SAID YOU
NEEDED
TO TALK TO
ME ALONE
ABOUT?!!

TH-
THAT'S
NOT THE
CASE,
MOTHER!!

BA-
DMP

REALLY?
YOU
SEEMED
SOME-
WHAT
DISTRACTED
EVEN
DURING
THE
EVENT.



IT'S A
PRIVATE
MATTER
...

JUST
BETWEEN
US
GIRLS.

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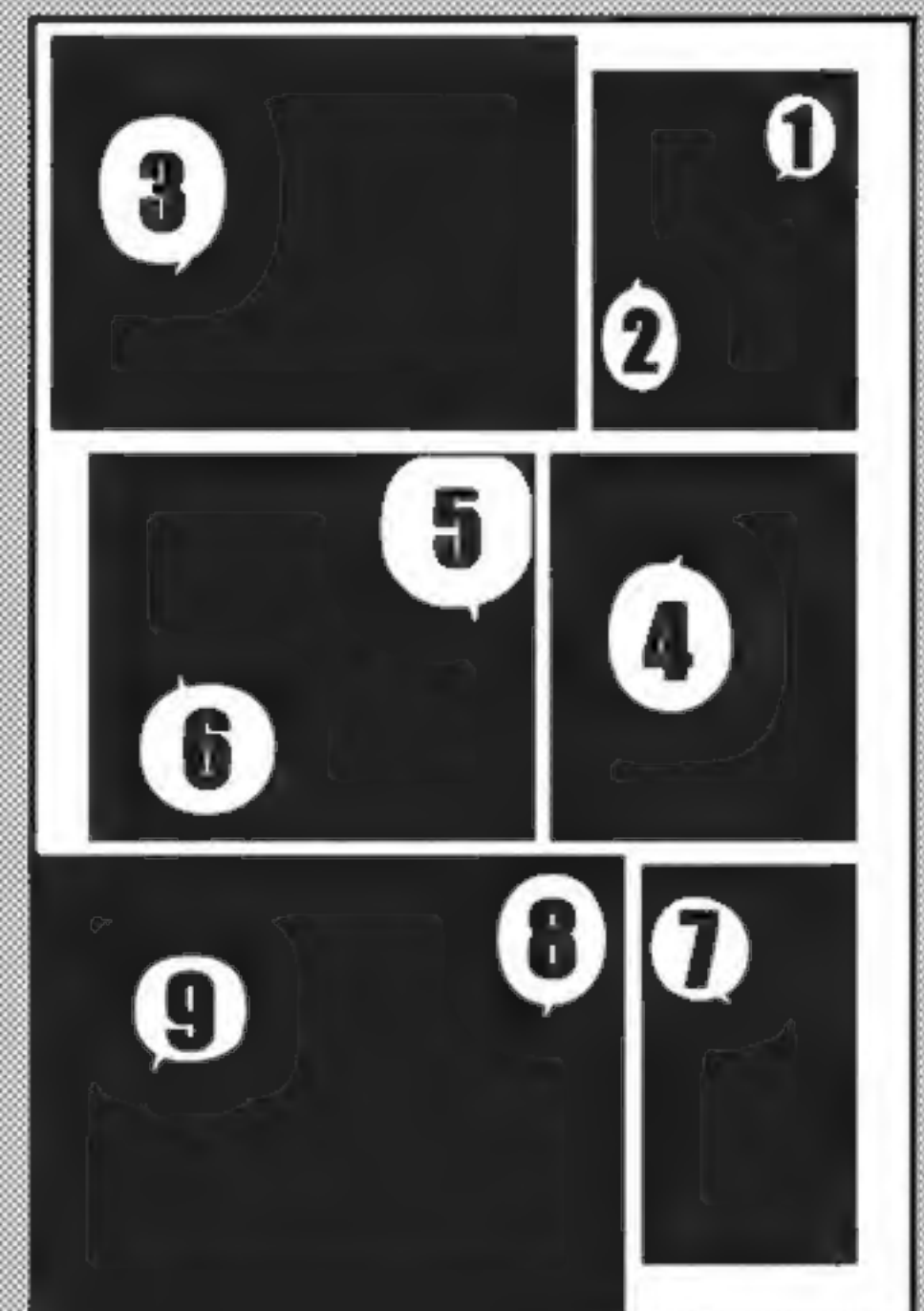
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